



SILVERBACK

SEP Starter Pack



# Sentence Pattern Review

## 1. EE (External Elab):

Complete sentences with high relevance; upgrade your flow and linkages

- E.g. The government is not responsive to smaller business owners' voices – so far, they have produced no solution to the people's demands. (DSE 2020)
- E.g. The preservation efforts must be taken seriously or there will not be anything left soon – while such preservation campaigns are common in the UK, there is a lack of resources or support for these efforts in HK.

### 1-min exercise

Apply the pattern in the following question: 'Should schools teach time management skills?'



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### 2. IE (Internal Elab):

Provide extra information to boost content; shows diversity in your writing

- E.g. The soccer team – with their injured players and inexperienced new-joiners – has been doing poorly in the league and has lost any edges from last season.
- E.g. Athleisure – a fashion style embraced by many celebrities globally – has enjoyed huge success in the local market. (DSE 2018)

#### 1-min exercise

Apply the pattern in the following question: ‘Should celebrities be allowed to talk about politics in the public?’



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### 3. CC (Not only but also + Basic Inversion):

Shows complexity and adds to your tone

- E.g. Not only are exams unproductive, but they are also putting unnecessary pressure on students' shoulders.
- E.g. Not only are international companies cherry-picking candidates these days, but they are also specifically choosing foreign applicants. (DSE 2019)

#### 1-min exercise

Apply the pattern in the following question: 'Should we ban movies that feature the consumption of alcohol or drugs?'



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### 4. ID (Inv. Description):

Adds layers and shows writing proficiency

- E.g. Talented and unmatched throughout the entire industry, the director has been winning many film awards and accolades.
- E.g. Visually stunning and unique, places like Choi Hung Estate and Yik Cheong Building have attracted many Instagrammers. (DSE 2020)

#### 1-min exercise

Apply the pattern in the following question: 'Should every local university student be given the chance to be an exchange student in foreign countries?'



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### 5. Parallel Structure:

Projects writing strength while beefing up content

- E.g. Land reclamation will destroy marine biodiversity; it will do irreversible damages to the natural environment that we have; and it will surely leave our next generation with a world that is less brilliant.
- E.g. Dancing is much more than ‘being pretty or elegant’; dancing is much more than appearing to be feminine; dancing is in fact very much about self-discipline and athleticism. (DSE 2017)

#### 1-min exercise

Apply the pattern in the following question: ‘Should every high school student join at least 1 sports club and learn 1 musical instrument?’

