

Expansion of Idea-Opening the new casements to creativity (Writing Skills)

A presentation
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Two Words - Expand and Idea

Expansion-

What is implied with the word Expansion ?

The word Expand has different connotations such as

- To widen
- To lengthen
- To stretch up
- To illustrate
- To explore
- To elaborate
- To demonstrate
- To interpret
- To analyze
- To evaluate

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Idea

What is an idea?

Sometimes

- Idea is a creative thought
- A productive step by artist's mind
- A stepping stone to any creative presentation
- A sudden solution
- A suddenly explored alternative /option
- A sort of imaginative thought
- An imaginary conceived action
- A sort of escape from the problem /issue
- A tool to dig out the solutions
- A better understanding

What does the word Expansion mean here ?

- To elaborate
- To explain
- To widen
- To illustrate

What context of the word Idea is mentioned-

- It is a tag line
- It is a title of the story
- It is a popular or frequently used proverb in common dialect.
- It is a phrase
- It is a common saying
- It is a dictum .
- It is a universal truth
- It is a traditional socially accepted opinion or verdict.
- It is a well organized thought
- It is a common experience in universal appeal
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Expansion of Idea

- Expansion of idea is a short composition .
- One is expected to take the idea signified in a proverb, maxim, a quotation ,a common saying , a slogan or an idiom .
- Elaborate them in the form of paragraphs.

Template for Expansion of Idea

I. Title-

An appropriate title is essential. It should be suitable to the themes illustrated in paragraphs on given topic.

ii. Paragraph containing introduction- Para.No.I

A suitable introduction should be given in which the reader may understand what you are going to write about.

This paragraph may include the topic sentences with a condensed form of explanation or interpretation.

Main Body- or Core Content- Para. No.2

The topic sentence /the central idea is elaborated or explained in detail. We can add relevant episodes, experiences or brief instances. There should be unity in the Ideas and the clarity of thought.

There should be coherence and a logical linkage in the ideas.

There should not be overlapping of ideas or over crowd of thoughts and expressions.

There should not be any digression resulting in the diversion from the central thought.

Maintain the flow of language with discourse Markers.

What is the meaning of Discourse Markers-

Discourse Markers are words ,phrases or expressions that perform a prominent role to manage the flow , thoughtful rhythm or structure of oral or written communication or narratives.

They create a linkage for the narrative or communication. They emphasize and explain the view of writer or narrator.

They also bring clarity to expression or communication.

They add beauty in the conversation or communication.

Some of the examples – Discourse Markers

The linking words like-

Anyway, nevertheless, therefore, similarly, thus, in this way, by the way, by the time, prima facie, at the outset, on behalf of, on the other hand, well, now, you know, I mean ,in the lap of time and the like.

Conclusion- Para. No. 03

In the last paragraph this small write up or short essay is summed up with coherence and logical link between the ideas expressed in the narrative or communication.

In the concluding para we can use the same thought ,Maxim, aphorism ,phrase or quotation in keeping with the central idea of the composition.

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For Ex. 1. A Jack of all trades may be used in stead of the dictum Too many cooks spoil the party.

2. We may use the phrase Birds of same feathers flock together in stead of A man is known by the company he /she keeps.

3. We may end with poetic expressions like If Winter comes can Spring be far behind ? OR There is dream of new dawn in the womb of every darkness if the topic sentence is Every Dark Cloud has a silver lining .

IN A NUT SHELL –

Step 1.

Define and discuss the meaning of the statement in 2 -3 lines.

Step 2.

Describe the issues inherent in and inter linked or inter connected to the topic sentence by adding some details in 5-6 sentences.

Step 3.

Provide a suitable conclusion that sums up the central Idea or thought given .

Summarizing an Expansion of Idea or a Proverb –

- First think about the proverb or a statement given as topic sentence.
- You should understand its meaning, significance, context , relevance , implications and connotations .
- You think of one or two examples from real life, from books you have read or films you have seen.
- You can also think of any other sources such as your personal experiences , real life situations , social or political situations (avoiding the names).
- Arrange your thoughts in the right order or sequence and write a short essay or piece.

- Use simple language having the clarity of expression.
- Maintain the flow of language with discourse remarks.
- Inter link the paragraphs or communication.
- Sum up the write up or short essay with a proper concluding remark in keeping with the central thought.
- Limits up to one page (3 to 4 Paragraphs)

- Avoid stock openings, such as “ The proverb or phrase or maxim means ” or “This is a well known proverb.”
- Conclude in a way that is interesting and influencing.

Some Examples or models of Expansion of Idea-

Example No. 1-

Idea- or Topic Sentence- **Friendship is not Easy**

Expansion of Idea or Expanded Paragraph:

Friendship is a type of relationship between two people who care for each other. It is an emotional and sensitive bonding or attachment between two or more individuals. Let us consider some examples-

A friend is the first person we want to call when we have a piece of good experience or bad experience. A friend will join us in the most uninteresting task and make it seem fun. Yet, friendship is not easy. It demands time and efforts and sometimes requires that people put someone other than themselves first. In exchange, a friend can provide an immense amount of support and comfort in good times as well as in in bad hours. Along with other qualities essential in a good or ideal friendship are honesty, trust, loyalty, adherence, integrity and unconditional acceptance.

Friendship between two people should make them both feel happy and comfortable in each other's company. These demands make it hard for some people to maintain friendship. It can be said that a friendship that ends had never really begun.

Points to Ponder –

- Meaning and significance of the topic sentence.
- Explanation about What is friendship.
- Advantages illustrated of being a friend of some one.
- Important and necessary qualities of good or ideal friendship.
- Causes for Failure of friendship.
- Use of discourse markers like yet, in exchange, along with

Similar ideas regarding friend or Friendship –

- A friend in need is a friend indeed.
- A wise foe is better than a foolish friend.
- A good book is equal to hundred friends.
- A good friend is equal to a library.
- Friendship is god gifted.
- Friendship is a God's gift.
- Friendship knows no distinctions.

Example No.2-

Idea- Topic Sentence-

When life gives you lemons ,make lemonade

Expansion of Idea or Expanded paragraph-

“When life gives you lemons, make lemonade” is a proverb frequently used by speakers of English in the West. It contains a metaphor with ‘lemons’ representing opportunity and lemonade signifies the result of what use you make of that opportunity. Thus, the purpose of the saying is not to state a general truth but to offer an advice.

The proverb can be used in everyday social as well as work situations to motivate people to grab every opportunity they get in life and to make the most of it.

To narrate an instance , when I was at home from college this summer, my uncle told me that he was looking for an intern to work with him in his company. I had the free time and qualifications. Though I was not really looking for work,I knew the internship would be a good experience. And would strengthen my CV.

I asked my father for advice, and he simply said "When life gives you lemons, make lemonade". The lemon lay in front of me in the form of my free time and the internship offer. I just needed to use the opportunity to make lemonade, which I did.

Points to Ponder-

- Understanding about the meaning, relevance and significance of the topic sentence.
- The everyday social experience and opinion is incorporated and interpreted.
- Logical linking with a personal experience.
- ending with the statement having similar thought **When we get some opportunity grab it and make maximum use of it for your better prospects.**
- Limiting up to one page .

- Appropriate use of relevant discourse markers like thus, to narrate etc.
- Conclusion with a proper and relevant remark in keeping with the topic sentence.

Some more examples for practice or Exercise-
Examples or models of Proverb /Dictum/common saying

- Charity begins at home (Self discipline /self adoption)
- All that glitters is not Gold (A false show)
- A stitch in time saves nine (significance of frugal life)
- Honesty is the best policy. (self loyalty)
- He prayth best who loveth best. (devotion and love are inter connected)
- So many cooks spoil the party.(a total fiasco by assigning one task to many)
- A jack of all trades (inter connection between overlapping and imperfection)
- Pen is mightier than the sword. (Knowledge can defeat anything)

- Blood is thicker than water. (kith and keens)
- Brick is softer than stone (speech is better than fight)
- Tit for Tat (teaching the same lesson)
- An Empty mind is a Devil's workshop.(Aimless life has no meaning / Empty mind brings destructive ideas)
- Building castles in the air (imaginary efforts/ Dwelling in imaginary /ideal world)
- Shame proof (worthless and meaningless attempts)
- A Jaundiced eye (a prejudiced outlook/perception)
- Actions speak louder than words.
- Every dark cloud has a silver lining .(robust optimism)

- All is fair in love and war. (everything is accepted in love and war)
- Pride comes before a fall. (Ego/vanity brings destruction)
- Might is right. (power is everything)
- Better late than never. (understanding is important alone)
- Little strokes fell great oaks. (tiny things bring great havoc)
- Knowledge is power. (Knowledge has everything)
- An illiterate person is better than a characterless literate. (Chastity is greater than education.)
- Empty vessels make much noise. (
- If winter comes can Spring be far behind? (robust optimism)
- Safe roads-Safe lives (self discipline)
- Haste makes waste. (Hurry brings worry)
- Life is not a bed of roses. (life is a tough game)

- Beauty is truth ,truth is beauty.(truth is divine)
- Beauty lies in beholder's eye. (opinions depend on outlook)
- A Crocodile's tear (a false show)
- Mirage (meaningless pursuit)
- Horizon s
- Umbrella does not stop rain but it makes you stand in the rain.
- Barking dogs seldom bite.
- Beggars are not choosers.
- Love conquers all.
- A thing of beauty is a joy forever.
- Our sweetest songs are those that are the tale of our saddest thought.



**EVERY ENDING
IS REALLY JUST A
NEW BEGINNING**

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