

What is it?

Prewriting is the vital first step in the writing process. It involves activities that help you generate ideas, plan your writing, and organize your thoughts before you start drafting.

Why is Prewriting Important?

Clarity: Prewriting helps clarify your ideas and purpose, making it easier to communicate your message effectively.

Efficiency: It saves time by reducing the need for extensive revisions later in the writing process.

Confidence: Starting with a clear plan boosts your confidence in your writing.

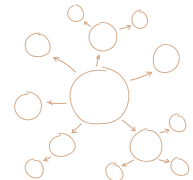
Tips for Prewriting

- **Set Aside Time:** Dedicate specific time for prewriting without distractions.
- **Stay Open-Minded:** Don't judge or edit your ideas during prewriting; simply generate them.
- **Experiment:** Try different techniques to find what works best for you.
- **Combine Strategies:** You can use multiple techniques together for a richer prewriting experience.
- **Revise and Refine:** After prewriting, review and refine your ideas before moving on to drafting.

Prewriting Techniques

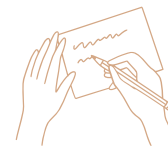


- **Lists, Maps, and Clusters:** Create lists of ideas, keywords, or phrases related to your topic. Or, draw a visual representation of your ideas, connecting related concepts. Start with a central idea and branch out with related concepts. This can help you see connections.



Freewriting

- Write without stopping or worrying about grammar and structure. Allow your thoughts to flow freely for a set amount of time.



Outlining

- Create a hierarchical structure for your ideas, showing their relationships. Use Roman numerals, letters, and numbers to organize main and sub-points. The formatting follows these characters, in this order:
 - Roman Numerals
 - Capitalized Letters
 - Arabic Numerals
 - Lowercase Letters

Thesis: Must prioritize creating policy to ban microplastics

- I. Environmental Impact
 - A. Marine Life Harm
 1. Ingestion by fish, turtles, seabirds
 2. Blockages, malnutrition, death
 - a. Ecosystem Disruption
- II. Human Health Concerns
 - A. Routes of Exposure
 1. Inhaled from airborne particles
 - a. Potential Health Risks