# Independent Writing

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#### Lesson Plan

From problems in your writings

→How to write an argument (套路)
→How to open up your mind (思路)
→Guidelines for your language (语言)

### What is an argument?

## 托福写作要求

Show the instructor

- You know the information
- can logically think through it
- clearly express a point or position

#### Important Note!!!

what an assignment is asking

#### **Bad examples**

× we should decide whether we want a bicycle or a car.

\* Are you one of those who thinks cheating is not good for students?



 E.g. The environmental issue is too complex to be solved by the individuals.

Telephone has greater influence on people's lives than TV.

It was easier to achieve success in the past than it is today.

#### Outline

- Introduction
  - Cannot be a fact or a generally agreed claim

- Counter-argument
  - Not required
  - A good place to start 思路
- Supporting paragraphs
  - Relate back!!!!
- Conclusion
  - Relate back!!!!
- "The writer is particularly concerned with helping the reader move from the parts back to the big picture and to understand the importance or significance of the essay"

## Open your mind

- Scope of mind
- Train of thoughts
- Ideas
- Different perspectives/angles

#### 1. Start from counter examples



Thesis: Do Reiki(灵气疗法) instead of taking medicine



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