

OSSLT 2025-2026: Format

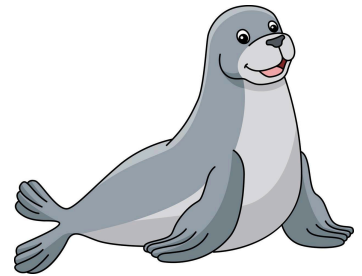
- ★ OSSLT is written by **Gr. 10 English and ESL E students**
- ★ Bring WIRED headphones if you prefer to hear the reading and questions
- ★ Two sessions (Session A and Session B)
- ★ Total of 37 questions:
 - 35 multiple choice
 - 2 writing questions (paragraph & opinion essay)

Helpful Tips

- Answer all questions!
- Before you submit your completed test, take the opportunity to return and review any question.
- You are not allowed to use cell phones, email or text messaging devices or communicate with other people during the OSSLT.

Writing a Paragraph

- Sentence 1: Start with a STATEMENT that outlines the main idea.
Sentence 2: Example/quote from the reading
Sentence 3: Analysis or explain connection between statement and example
Sentence 4: Example/quote from the reading
Sentence 5: Analysis or explain connection between statement and example
Sentence 6: Last remark - restate the main idea.



Opinion Essay

- Paragraph 1: State your opinion (agree or disagree) and 3 points
Paragraph 2: Point one with examples and analysis to prove your opinion
Paragraph 3: Point one with examples and analysis to prove your opinion
Paragraph 4: Point one with examples and analysis to prove your opinion
Paragraph 5: Restate opinion in different words and summarize your 3 points

Editing Checklist

Read your writing out loud! This will help you catch any errors in grammar, punctuation and sentence structure.

- All sentences begin with a capital letter
- All names start with a capital letter
- All sentences end with a period, question mark or exclamation point.
- There is a space between periods and a new sentence
- There is a space after every comma
- I have effectively used transition words



Online Practice OSSLT: <https://bit.ly/ossltpractice2023>

The OSSLT will happen on Thursday, April 11 at 8:45 am!

S.E.A.L Paragraph Practice (100 words)

Statement: Start with ONE STATEMENT that outlines the main idea

Rephrase the question as a statement.

Evidence 1: Example/quote from the reading

In the article, it said, “ _____ ”.

Analysis 1: Analysis or explain connection between statement and example

This is important because....

Evidence 2: Example/quote from the reading

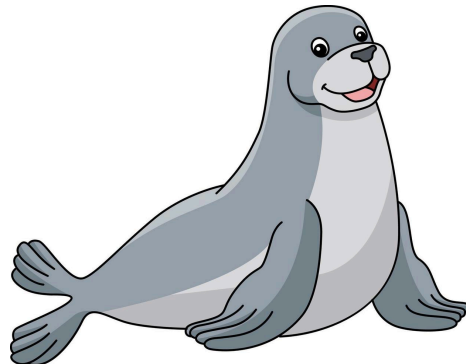
Similarly, my second example is...

Analysis 2: Analysis or explain connection between statement and example

This is important because...

Last Remark: Restate the main idea

In conclusion,... (rephrase the statement)



The Essay Outline

Does social media improve communication skills in high school students?

Introduction

Hook: General *societal* statement to bring your reader into your topic (1 sentence)

Say something about social media.

Social media...

2 Sentences of Background Information about your topic

Communication skills are important for highschool because...

I think social media ...

Thesis statement: Your answer to the *question* plus your three supporting points (1 sentence)

I agree/disagree that social media improves communication skills in high school students because _____, _____, and _____.

Statement for Body Paragraph #1 Make a statement including your thesis and first supporting point

One main reason I agree/disagree that social media does improve communication skills for high school students is....

Evidence

My first example to show this reason is....

Analysis

This example shows that social media... (show connection to thesis)

Evidence

My second example to show this reason is....

Analysis

This example shows that social media... (show connection to thesis)

Last Remark Add a final remark about your first supporting point

Therefore, the examples above show that _____ is the reason I agree/disagree that social media does improve communication skills of high school students.

Statement for Body Paragraph #2 (transition) Make a statement including your thesis and second supporting point

Secondly, another main reason I agree/disagree that social media does improve communication skills for high school students is....

Evidence

My first example to show this reason is....

Analysis

This example shows that social media... (show connection to thesis)

Evidence

My second example to show this reason is....

Analysis

This example shows that social media... (show connection to thesis)

Last Remark Add a final remark about your second supporting point

Therefore, the examples above show that _____ is the reason I agree/disagree that social media does improve communication skills of high school students.

Statement for Body Paragraph #3 (transition) Make a statement including your thesis and third supporting point

Finally, the last reason I agree/disagree that social media does improve communication skills for high school students is....

Evidence

My first example to show this reason is....

Analysis

This example shows that social media... (show connection to thesis)

Evidence

My second example to show this reason is....

Analysis

This example shows that social media... (show connection to thesis)

Last Remark Add a final remark about your third supporting point

Therefore, the examples above show that _____ is the reason I agree/disagree that social media does improve communication skills of high school students.

Concluding Paragraph**Restatement of Thesis (1 sentence)**

_____, _____, and _____ are the reasons I agree/disagree that social media improves communication skills in high school students.

Summary of 3 Main points (2 sentences)

_____ (Main Point #1), shows that social media helps with _____.

_____ (Main Point #2), shows that social media helps with _____.

_____ (Main Point #3), shows that social media helps with _____.

General societal statement to leave your reader with a lasting impression (1 sentence)

Say something to relate back to the hook (NO NEW INFORMATION!)