Writing Activities: (Basic Sentences)



**Essence and claim are the architecture for this competency. When you want to get to the heart of something, use pattern ones or twos. Pattern one is especially good for answering the question, *What really happens?* And Pattern two is especially good for answering, *Who is doing what to whom?***

###### Essence of Game Essence of Thanksgiving

###### What happens at a game? What happens a Thanksgiving?

*Charles throws. Mother cooks turkey.*

*Martha dodges. Father bakes bread.*

*Brad runs. Grandmother serves pie.*

*Chris yells. Children play games.*

*Balls bounce. Family says prayer.*

*That’s what happens at a game! That’s what happens at Thanksgiving!*

(all pattern one in middle) (all pattern two in the middle)

When you want to sound like a reasonable and reasoning person, state acclaim in either A or B form of pattern three, than back it up with pattern ones, pattern twos, or a combination of ones and twos:

**Pattern 3A**

**Claim** Last night’s storm was really scary.

**Substantiation** The wind yowled. Lightning crackled. Thunder

Rocketed. The house creaked. The roof shook.

Pets cried. Father yelled. Mother ran. Everyone

Trembled.

Conclusion I hope we never have another storm like that.

**Claim**: Your normal voice

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Substantiation:

Clarification or Substantiation:

All pattern ones, twos, or ones and twos

Substantiation:

All pattern ones for

WHAT’S HAPPENING HERE?



**Conclusion:** Your normal voice