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英語エッセイ添削通信指導

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2. Before you write

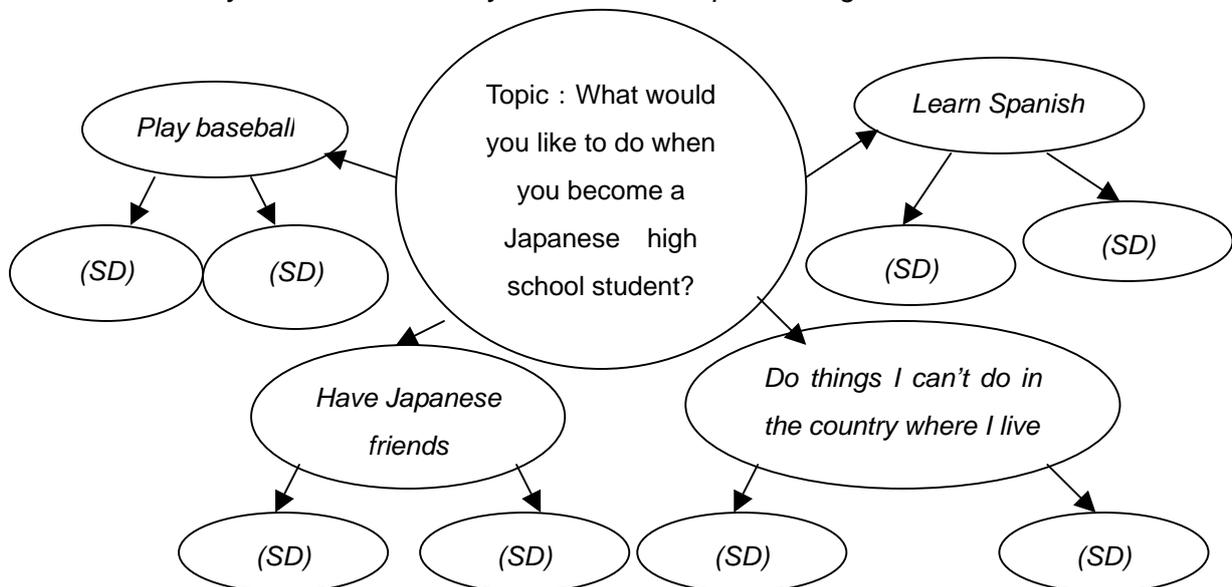
Time to plan and organize what you are going to write about.

(1) Brainstorm

An important first step to take before writing an essay is to come up with good ideas and a thesis. Doing this allows you to sort out what you want to write about, and in what order you should present your ideas. Writers often use a spider diagram to do this.

Example:

'What would you like to do when you become a Japanese high school student?'



THESIS = I found three things I would like to do when I become a Japanese high school student. They are the things that I cannot do in the country where I live.

*SD=Supporting Detail (See P. 6)

The idea in the center circle is the topic of your essay. In writing the first draft, instead of writing the exact same sentence as the topic, you should rephrase it so that you can smoothly talk about your own ideas.

You also need to think of the thesis to your essay in order to write an essay. First, write as many ideas as you can that are related to the topic. After writing the ideas, think of some supporting details such as your personal experiences or the reasons you came to think of the idea. When you are done, let's look at the diagram and analyze it carefully. In the diagram above, "Do things I can't do in the country where I live" will sum up all the other ideas. Thus, it will be the thesis to your essay and the other three ideas will be ideas that support the thesis statement.