

WRITING DEVELOPMENT

In her book, *The Writing Revolution* Judith Hochman tells us that students' problems with reading comprehension, as well with writing essays, occur because they have not been taught systematically to write ... to which her book gives a step-by-step guide.

The Writing Development exercises here are adapted from her programme.

The Provisional Government

10. Conjunctions V – for example, for instance, such as, notably, in particular

The conjunctions 'for example', 'for instance', 'such as', 'notably', 'in particular' are ESSENTIAL for your essays, because they allow you to introduce relevant factual information (exemplification) to support your ideas, and thereby to demonstrate your knowledge to the reader.

“There were shortages of food – for example, only one-tenth of the prewar milk supply was reaching Petrograd.”

1. Use the webpage to complete the following sentence stems:

- The Provisional Government faced a challenge from the Petrograd Soviet, for example _____.
- The government was losing the war, for example _____.
- There was anarchy in the countryside, for instance _____.
- The Bolsheviks won people's hearts with bold slogans, such as _____.
- The Bolsheviks tried to use force to bring down the government, notably _____.
- The Bolsheviks took control of the Soviets; in particular, _____.

2. Devise your own sentences using exemplification conjunctions for:

- The Provisional Government's 'Death Squads'
- The Kornilov Revolt
- The Pre-Parliament

Doing these exercises will not only help you improve your writing skills, they will help you learn to distinguish between 'points' (ideas) and 'proving facts' in your essays.