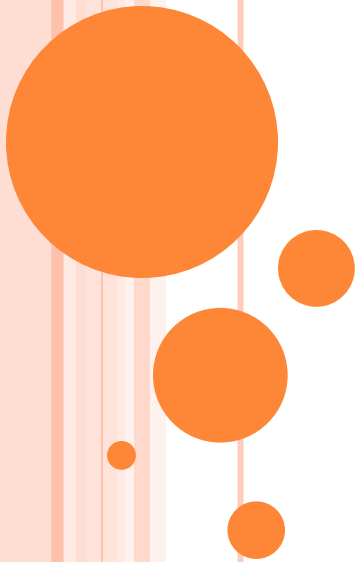


PROBLEM-SOLUTION ESSAY



ANALYZING THE QUESTION

- Overpopulation of urban areas has **led to** numerous **problems**.
- Identify one or two serious ones and suggest **ways** that governments and individuals can **tackle these problems**.
- _____
- Nowadays many people have access to computers on a wide basis and a large number of children play computer games.
- What are the **negative impacts** of playing computer games and what can be done to minimize the **bad effects**?
- _____
- The internet has transformed the way information is shared and consumed, but it has also **created problems** that did not exist before.
- What are the most serious **problems** associated with the internet and what **solutions** can you suggest?
- _____
- In the developed world, average life expectancy is increasing.
- What **problems** will this cause for individuals and society?
- Suggest some **measures** that could be taken to reduce the impact of ageing populations.
- _____



STRUCTURE

1 Introduction

- Sentence 1- Paraphrase question
- Sentence 2- Outline sentence (say what you will discuss in the rest of the essay)

2 Problem

- Sentence 3- State problem
- Sentence 4- Explain what problem is
- Sentence 5- What is the result of this problem
- Sentence 6- Example



3 Solution

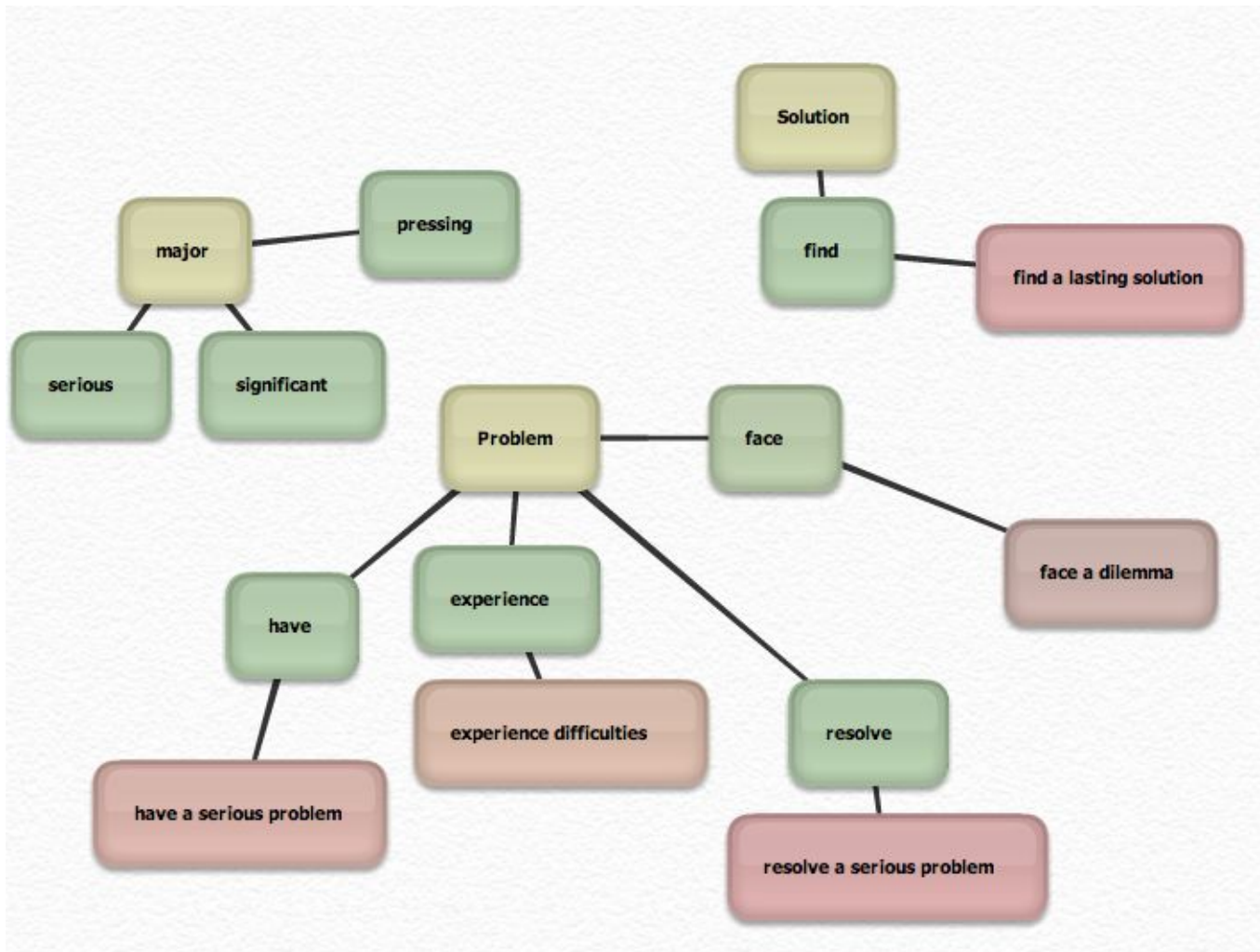
- Sentence 7- State solution
- Sentence 8- Explain how solution will solve problem
- Sentence 9- Example

4 Conclusion

- Sentence 10- Summary of main points in paragraphs 2 and 3
- Sentence 11- Prediction or recommendation



VOCABULARY



WHAT WORDS DO YOU NEED?

This will depend on your target band score but you will need variety in these areas:

- nouns: eg, problem, difficulty, concern, issue
- adjectives: eg, serious, major, minor, significant, insignificant
- verbs: eg, have, experience, deal with, tackle, solve, resolve

If you are aiming for band **7 or above**, you will also need to be able to use these words accurately in word combinations (collocations) and it will help to learn some idiomatic phrases such as:

- be a headache for
- address a problem
- face a problem/tackle a problem



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