Once you have divided a topic into its component parts, you will be able to generate specific ideas about each part. Focus on each part and think of specifics that will support your point of view about your topic.

" Here's an example of how I divided the topic "car" into its component parts. Let's see, what are the typical parts of a car? There's appearance, what it looks like. There's performance, how it handles and accelerates and parks; there's reliability, whether you can count on it not to leave you stranded; there's cost, for me that would be the cost of repairs; then there's the cost of insurance and gas and maintenance like oil changes. There's also the issue of how safe the car is. That gives me enough areas to start developing. "

Appearance
Performance
Reliability
Cost
Maintenance
Safety

Writing Practice 4

Generate ideas for your tentative main idea in Writing Practice 3 by brainstorming, freewriting, listing, clustering, or dividing.

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