**Essay Writing Exercise 1**

**Put these sentences in the correct order for the introduction to an essay with this title: *Compare two methods of teaching prepositions and explain which one is more successful***

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2) Another method takes a cognitive linguistics approach, in which prepositions are studied in relation to spatial relationships.

3) Using prepositions correctly in English is very difficult if English is not a person’s first language.

4) The essay which follows gives a brief history of prepositional theory and compares the traditional and cognitive linguistics approaches, arguing that a cognitive linguistics approach helps students to understand the concepts underlying prepositions and so is more effective in helping students to use prepositions correctly.

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**Answers to Essay Writing Exercise 1**

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*Background statement that sets the context for the essay*

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*Issue. An explanation of the problem*

1) Such language differences make teaching of this area very difficult.

*Issue. Further explanation of the problem*

6) One popular teaching method relies on students learning combinations of nouns and prepositions.

*Issue. One solution*

2) Another method takes a cognitive linguistics approach, in which prepositions are studied in relation to spatial relationships.

*Issue. A second solution*

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*Thesis statement outlining what the essay will cover and what perspective the writer will take*