



# Learn English: Music Genres and Cleft Sentences

## Student Writing Tips

### The Final Draft Stage of Essay Writing

The **final draft** of an essay is the result of the other steps of the writing process. It is the essay that you will submit for a class, an application, or even publish. Use these helpful tips to ensure your **final draft** is ready:

- **Read your essay aloud**

Hearing what your essay sounds like will help you spot errors in grammar and/or sentence structure. It will also help you recognize whether everything is written in the same tense and ensure the information you have used relates to the topic.

- **Check your spelling and punctuation**

Make sure you have started all sentences with capital letters and that all proper nouns are capitalized. Check that you have ended each of your sentences with correct punctuation.

- **Spot repeated words or phrases**

Using the same words and phrases more than once is not recommended, especially for strong verbs or adjectives. To keep your writing exciting and interesting, use various descriptive words. This will lead to better descriptions and clearer explanations.

- **Review sentence variety and paragraph length**

Use short sentences to create excitement and suspense, and use longer sentences to explain something in detail or to get your point across.

- **Check your references**

If you have used another writer's work as inspiration, make sure you give them credit by citing their work.

- **Ensure you have followed the correct structure**

Make sure you have an introduction, a body, and a strong conclusion. Also, check that your essay is long enough and that you have covered all the relevant points according to the task instructions.



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## Student Writing Practice

There are many genres of music, including reggae, jazz, techno, house, and country. Pick **two** genres of music and **compare** and **contrast** the characteristics of each.

Refer to the **Learn English: Politics and Comparative Forms** and **Learn English: Global Issues with Gerund and Infinitive Functions** courses to learn more about ‘**compare and contrast essays**’ (**expository essays**).

When writing your essay, make sure you:

- Write at least **three** paragraphs
- Use **noun clauses**, **relative clauses**, and **cleft sentences** in your writing
- Include an **introduction**, **body**, and a **conclusion** in your essay
- Consider the **main stages** of writing an essay: Preparation/pre-writing, first draft, revision, and final draft
- Show **similarities** and **differences** between the two music genres you are comparing

For **compare** and **contrast** example essays, click the link below:

<https://www.collegeessay.org/blog/compare-and-contrast-essay/compare-and-contrast-essay-examples>

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