

Tips: Writing an Opinion Paragraph

1. Turn the question or prompt into a statement:

Question:

Why is it important to learn about other cultures?

becomes

Statement:

It is important to learn about other cultures.



1. Draw a chart just like the one below.
2. List the five senses – one in each row – and jot down what pops into your mind, OR choose one sense and jot down what you associate with the season and the sense:

Sight	Diverse people, international dancing, imported items (cars, food, clothing, etc.)
Sound	International music; languages other than English spoken
Smell	Ethnic food (pasta, samosa, ginger, pineapple, etc.)
Touch	Imported items (cars, food, clothing, etc.)
Taste	Ethnic and imported foods

3. Use the information in **ONE** of the boxes. Include examples.
4. Begin with your topic sentence and write the short paragraph.