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Writing

Unit1 – Lesson5
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WHAT KINDS OF MOVIES OR TV SHOWS DO YOU ENJOY WATCHING THE MOST?

Have Ss read the task and answer the questions. Then elicit their answers in class.

Have Ss do the task in class. If needed, teach the words.

B Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

believable	compelling

1. This show takes place in a neighborhood just like mine. It's really _____ .
2. The movie was so _____ that I forgot to eat my popcorn.



Have Ss skim the text again and do the task. Then check the answers in class.

READ OSCAR'S BLOG.

WHAT TV SHOW DOES OSCAR DESCRIBE? DOES HE MAKE YOU WANT TO WATCH IT?

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Reasons to Love *The Big Bang Theory*!

For a long time, my favorite TV show has been *The Big Bang Theory*. It's a comedy program about a group of friends who live and work in California. The characters are all super-smart scientists except for one, Penny, who's a waitress and an actress. Amazingly, she's the one who usually makes the best decisions. Most of the characters live in apartments in the same building. The setting of the show is usually in one of these apartments, but sometimes we also see the characters in other places, such as in their university offices.

The main reason I love this show is the imaginative characters. Some of them are married, some are single, and there's a mix of men and women. What I like about them is that even though they have completely different personalities, they're all equals. There isn't one main character. Most of all, I like that they seem very believable, with real joys and problems. Plus, they're all hilarious!

Another reason this show is my favorite is the compelling story. Although the characters, their jobs, and their homes have stayed the same, each episode is totally different. One might be about Penny's acting career, the next might be about a visit from a character's annoying mother, and another might be about all the funny problems with planning a wedding. Whatever the plot of an episode is, I know it will entertain me and make me laugh.

If you're not already a huge fan of *The Big Bang Theory*, I'm sure you'll enjoy watching it. With its interesting characters and story, it will defi nitely become one of your favorite shows.

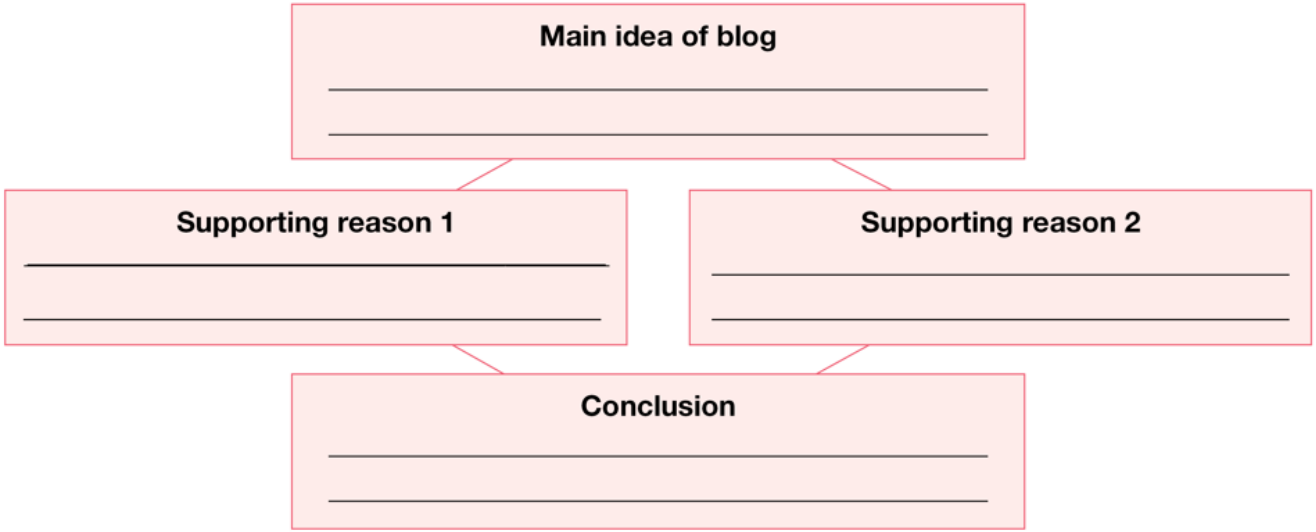
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Have Ss scan the text again and do the task. Then check the answers in class.

D Read the blog again. Take notes in the chart.



A Read the Writing Skill. Then reread Oscar's blog. Underline the topic sentence in each paragraph.

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For example:

transition words | main idea | controlling idea

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B Analyze each topic sentence.

1. Circle the transition words.
2. Put a box around the main ideas.
3. Check (✓) the controlling ideas.
4. Are these strong topic sentences? Why or why not?

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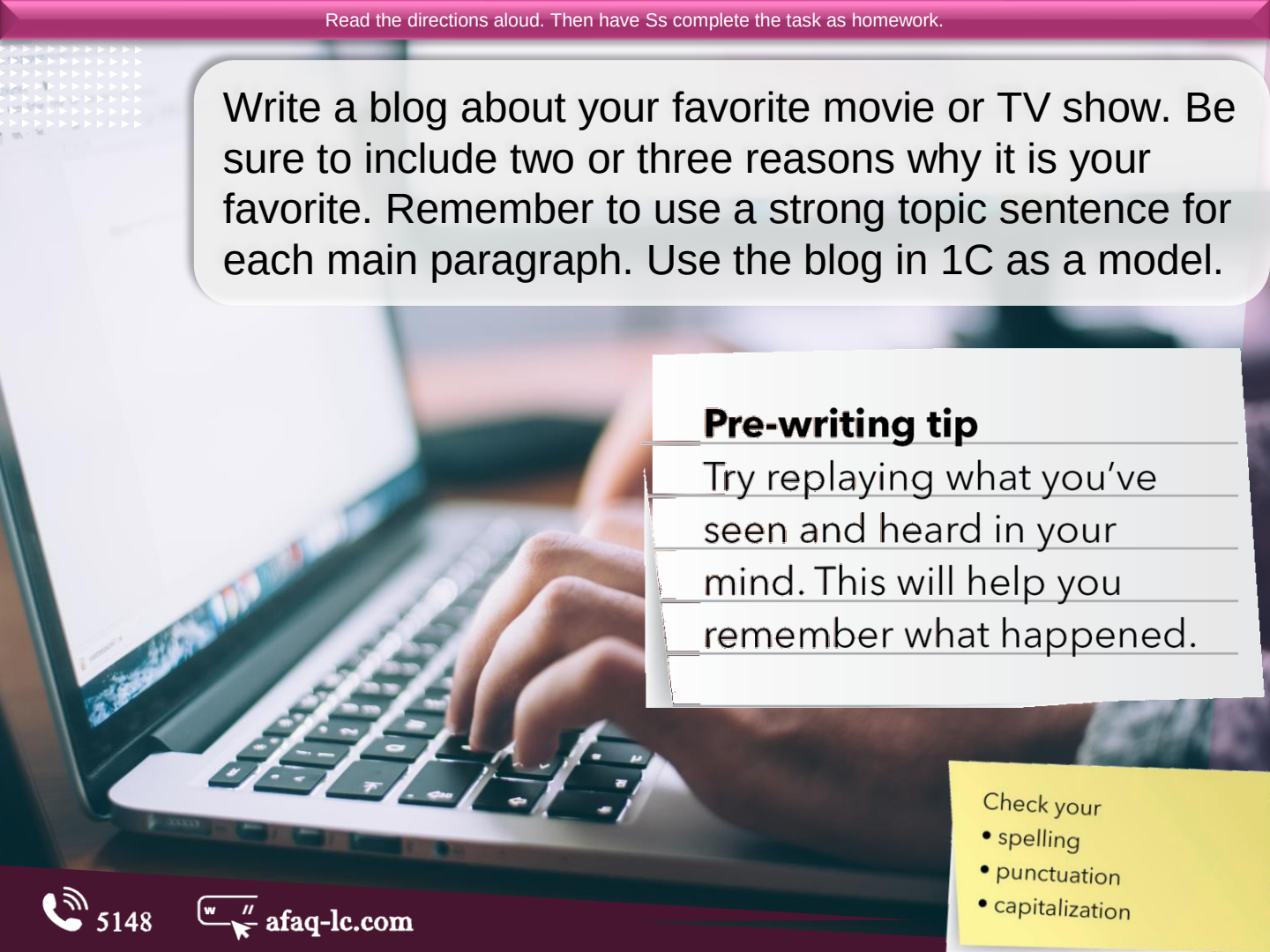
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EXPLAIN WHY THIS MOVIE OR TV SHOW IS YOUR FAVORITE.
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Read the directions aloud. Then have Ss complete the task as homework.

Write a blog about your favorite movie or TV show. Be sure to include two or three reasons why it is your favorite. Remember to use a strong topic sentence for each main paragraph. Use the blog in 1C as a model.



Pre-writing tip

Try replaying what you've seen and heard in your mind. This will help you remember what happened.

Check your
- spelling
- punctuation
- capitalization