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Academic Writing *and* **Logical Thinking**

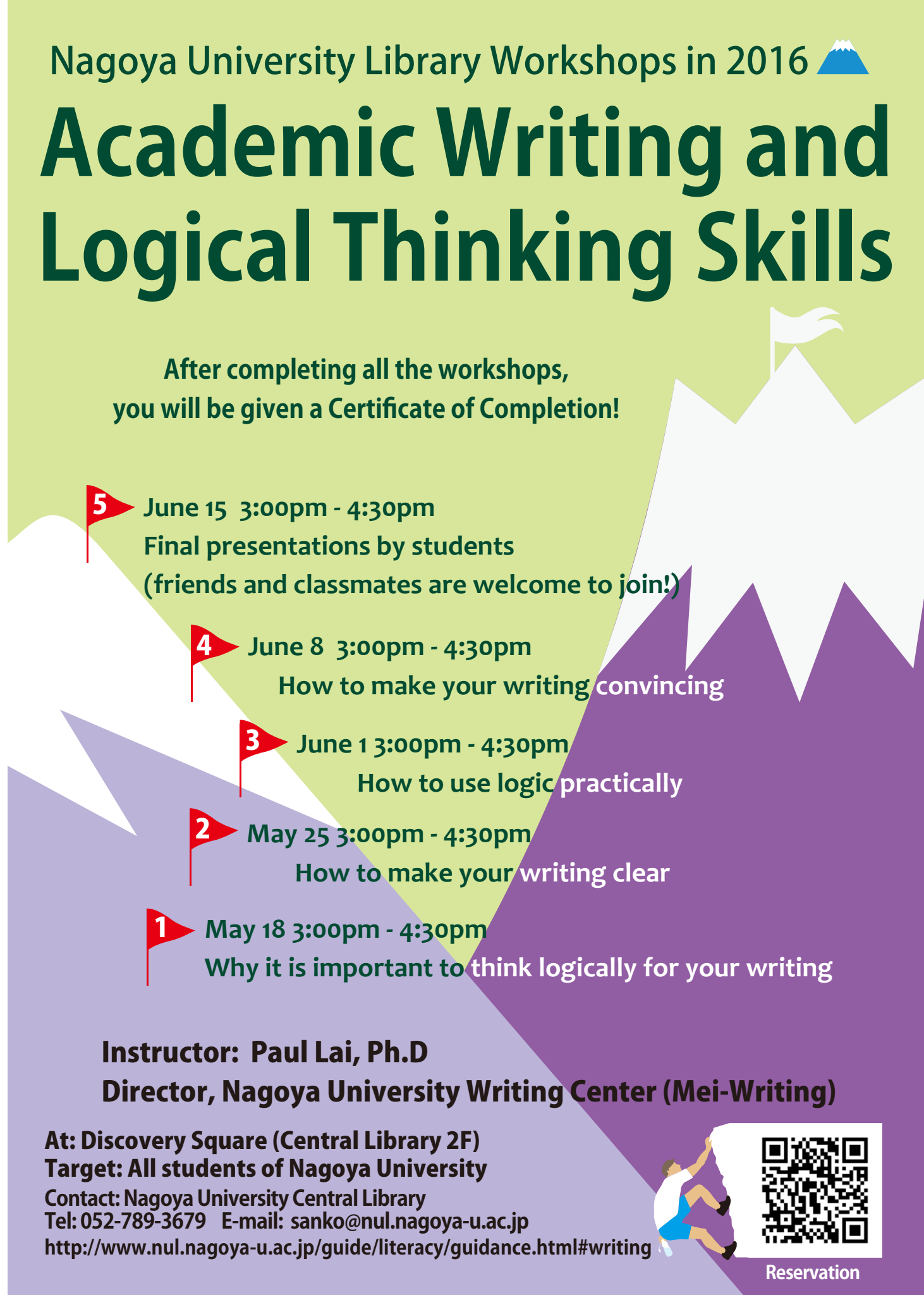
May 18 ~ June 15, 2016

Instructor: Dr. Paul Lai

Nagoya University Library Workshops in 2016 

Academic Writing and Logical Thinking Skills

After completing all the workshops,
you will be given a Certificate of Completion!

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- 5 June 15 3:00pm - 4:30pm
Final presentations by students
(friends and classmates are welcome to join!)
 - 4 June 8 3:00pm - 4:30pm
How to make your writing convincing
 - 3 June 1 3:00pm - 4:30pm
How to use logic practically
 - 2 May 25 3:00pm - 4:30pm
How to make your writing clear
 - 1 May 18 3:00pm - 4:30pm
Why it is important to think logically for your writing

Instructor: Paul Lai, Ph.D

Director, Nagoya University Writing Center (Mei-Writing)

At: Discovery Square (Central Library 2F)

Target: All students of Nagoya University

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<http://www.nul.nagoya-u.ac.jp/guide/literacy/guidance.html#writing>



Reservation

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This is to certify that

has successfully completed a series of workshops on

*Academic Writing
and
Logical Thinking Skills*

Date June 15, 2016

Director,
Nagoya University Library

Director,
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The Thesis Statement Recipe

*Textbook for
the Nagoya University Library workshop series on
Academic Writing & Logical Thinking Skills*



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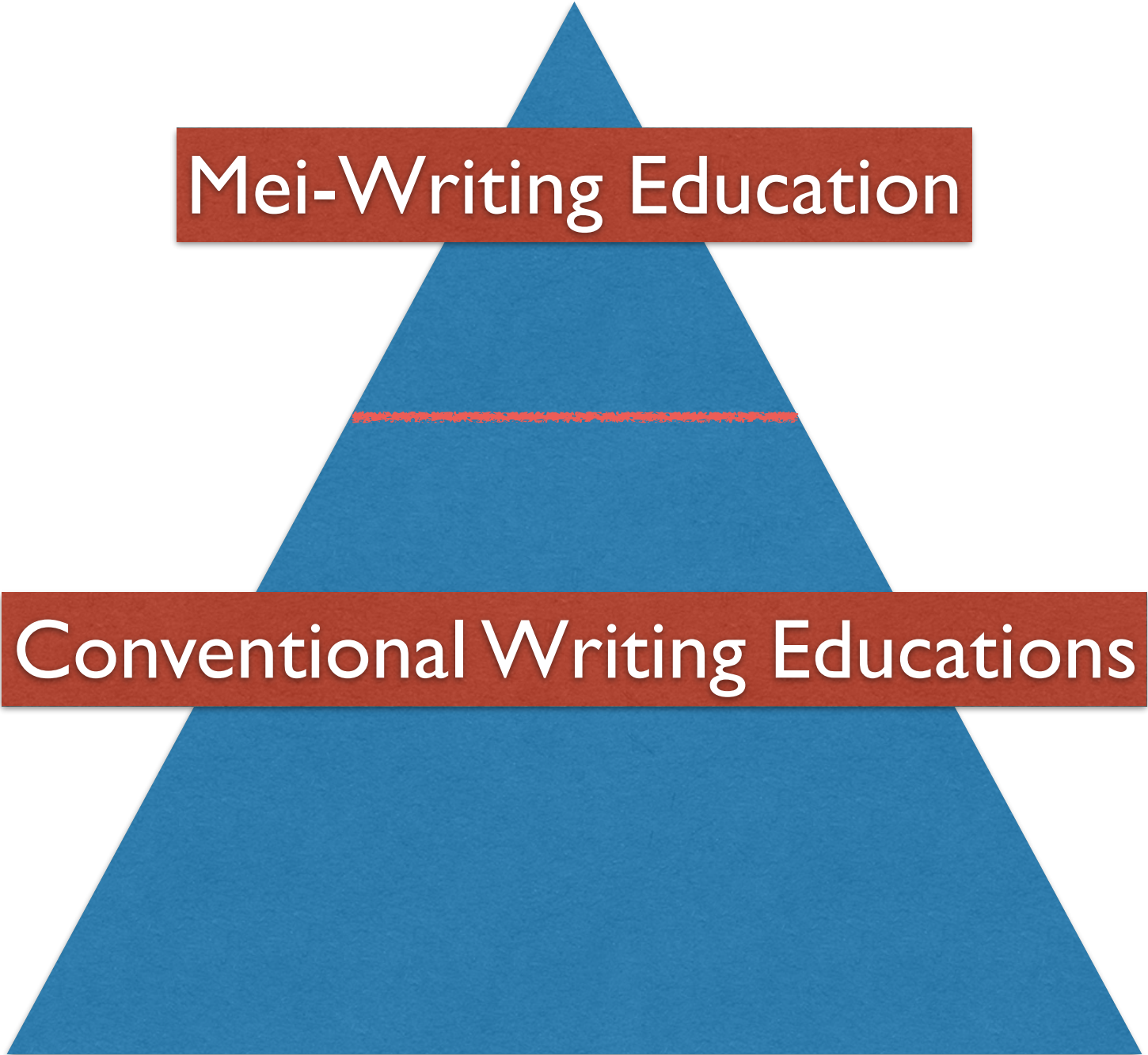


Nagoya University Writing Center

Pursuing Clear & Convincing Ideas in Writing

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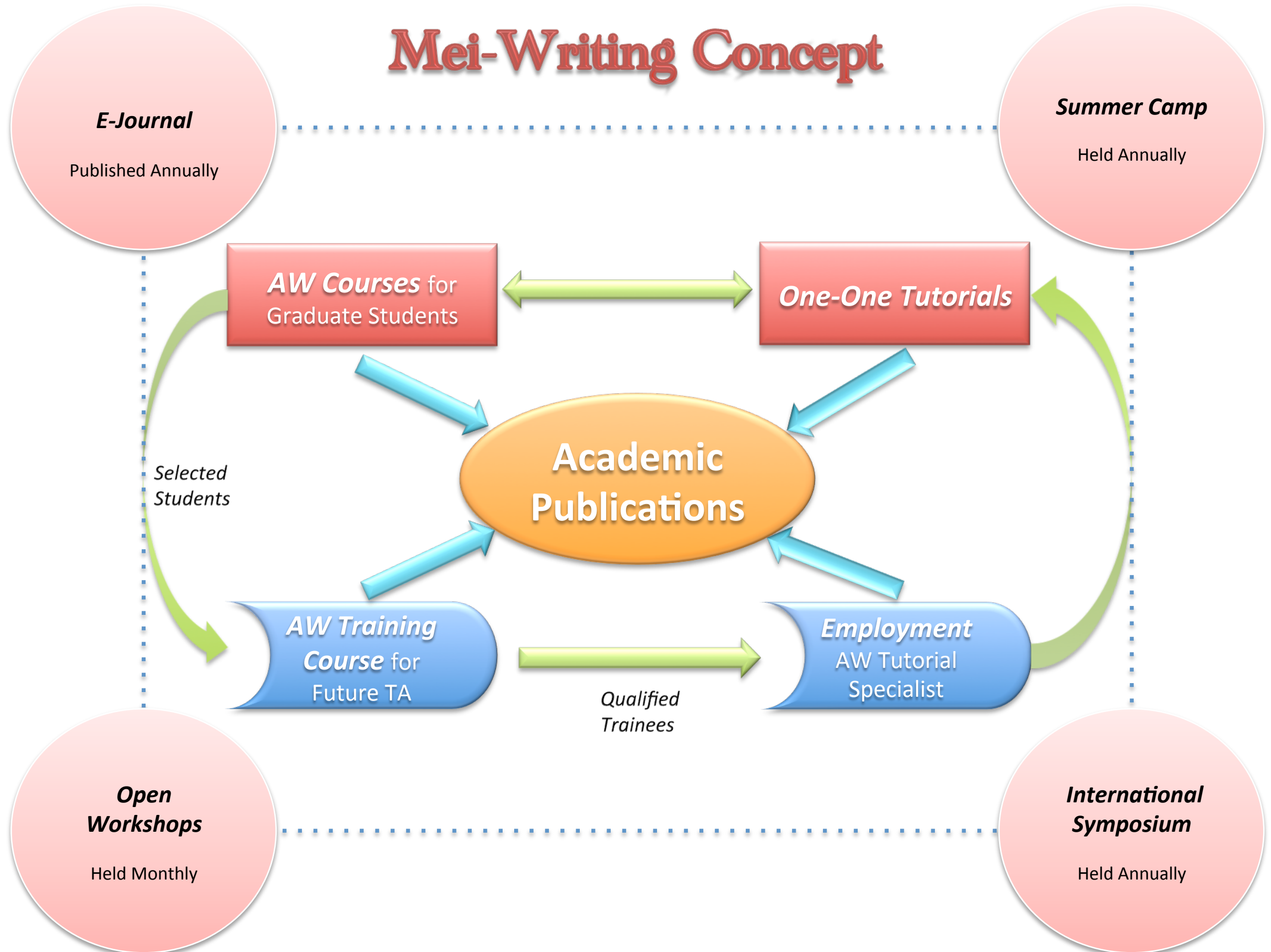
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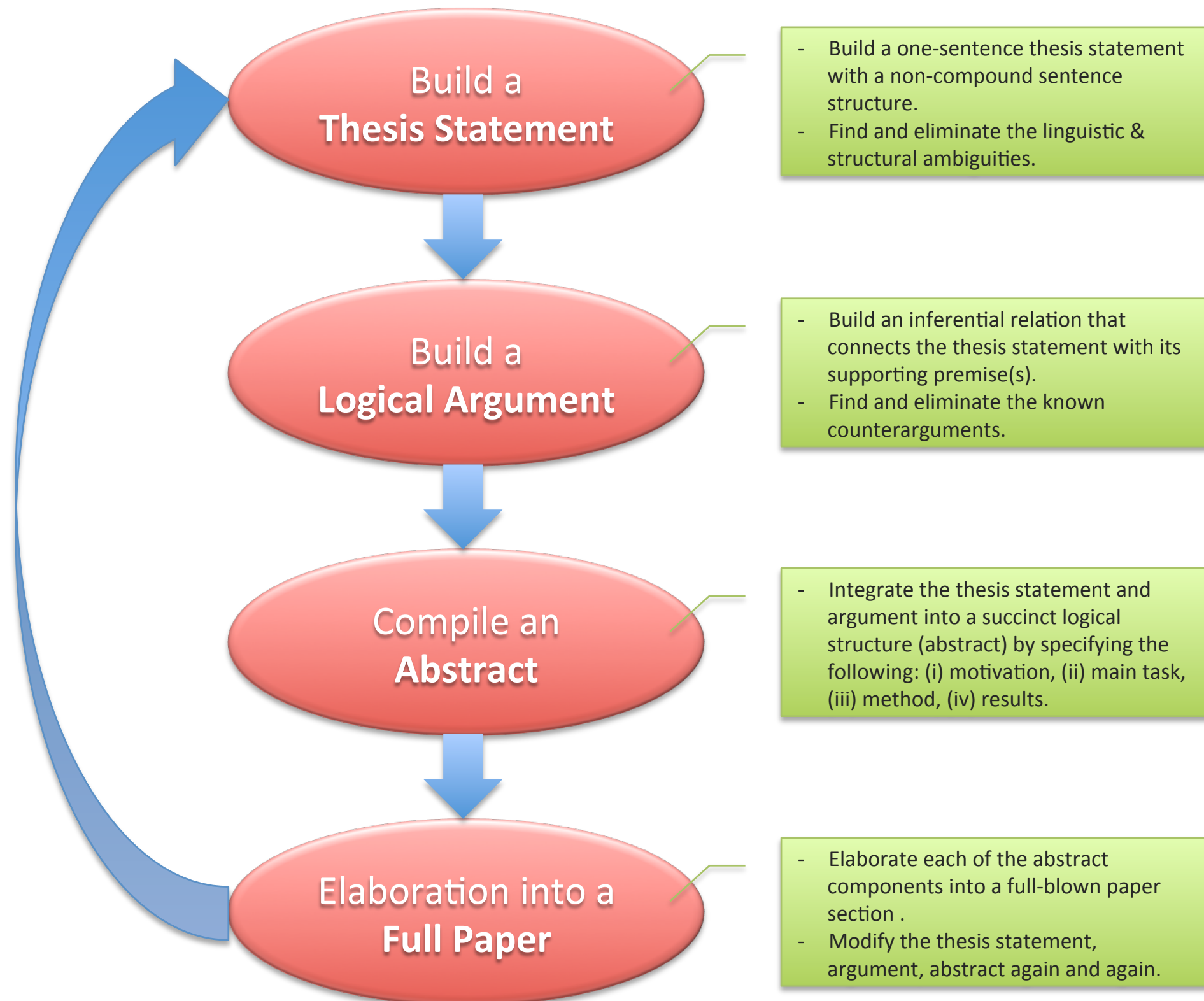
Conventional Writing Educations

Mei-Writing Concept



The Logical Writing Process Cycle

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**Why is it important to
think logically for
academic writing?**

texts

Vs

thoughts



**Writing is a process of
communicating thoughts
through the arrangement of texts**

There is a dog
because today isWednesday.

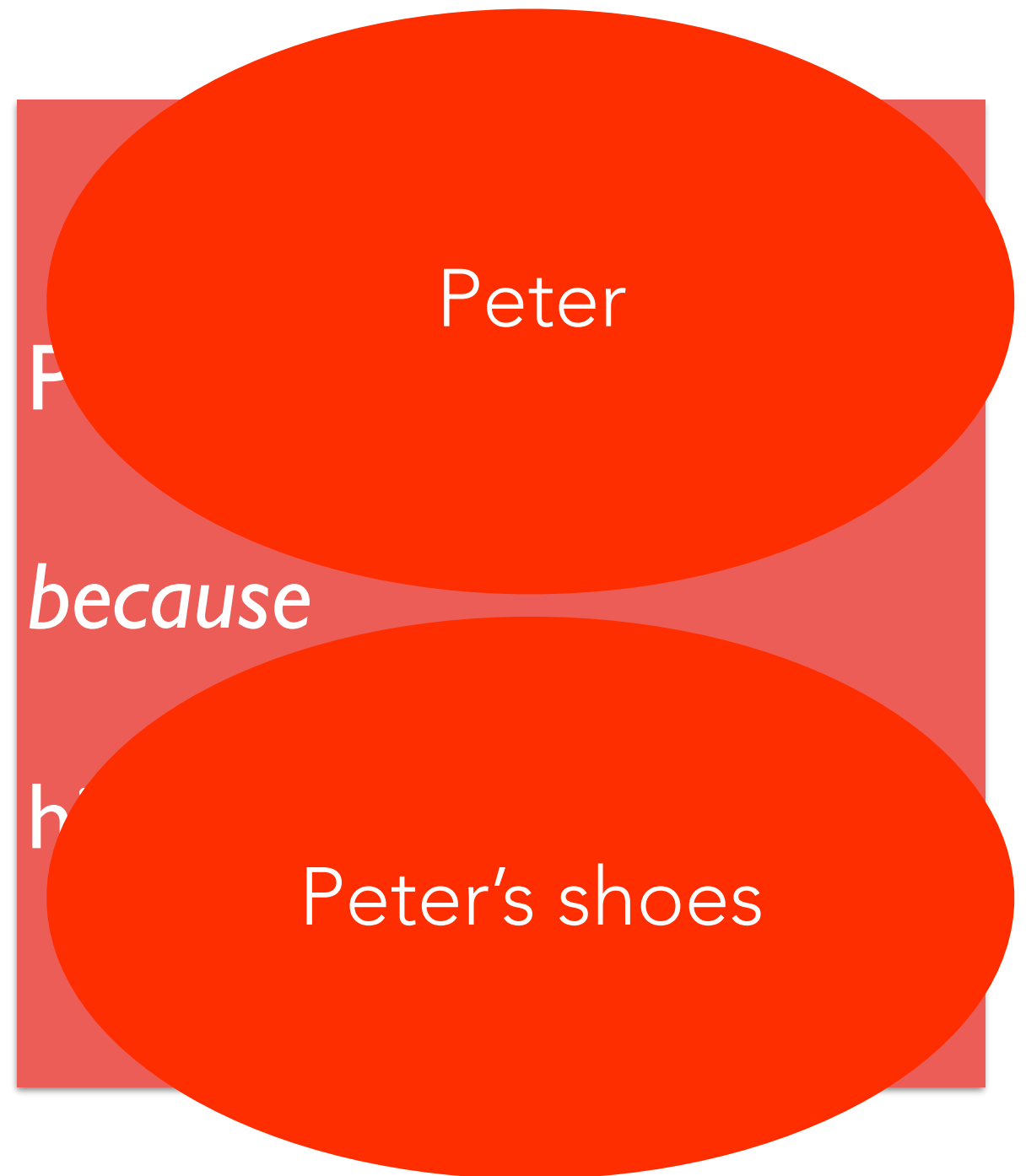
Peter is in Nagoya
because
he has a house in Nagoya.

Which one of the following is convincing?

Peter was here earlier
because
his footprints were here.

Peter was here earlier
because
his shoes were here.

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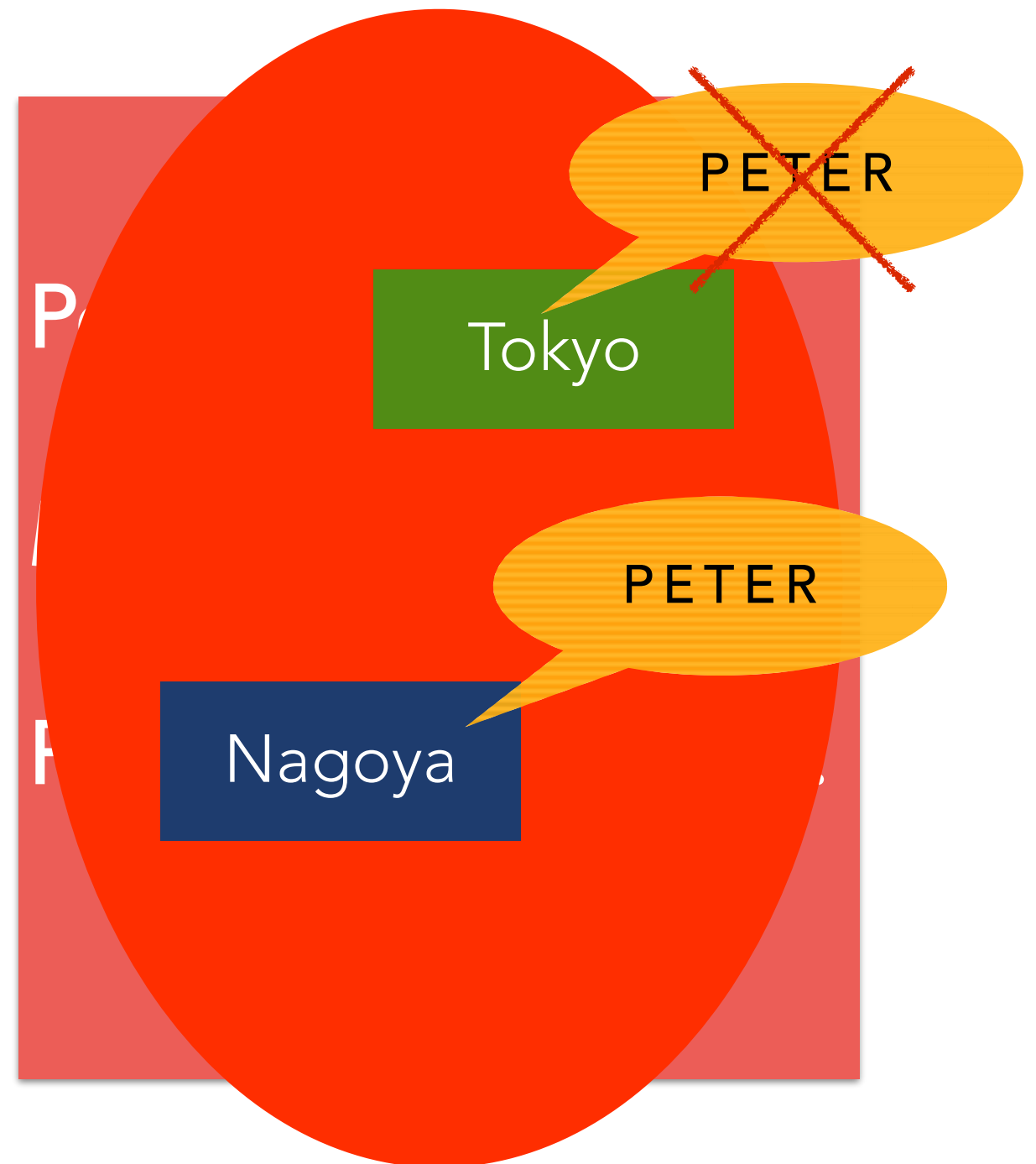
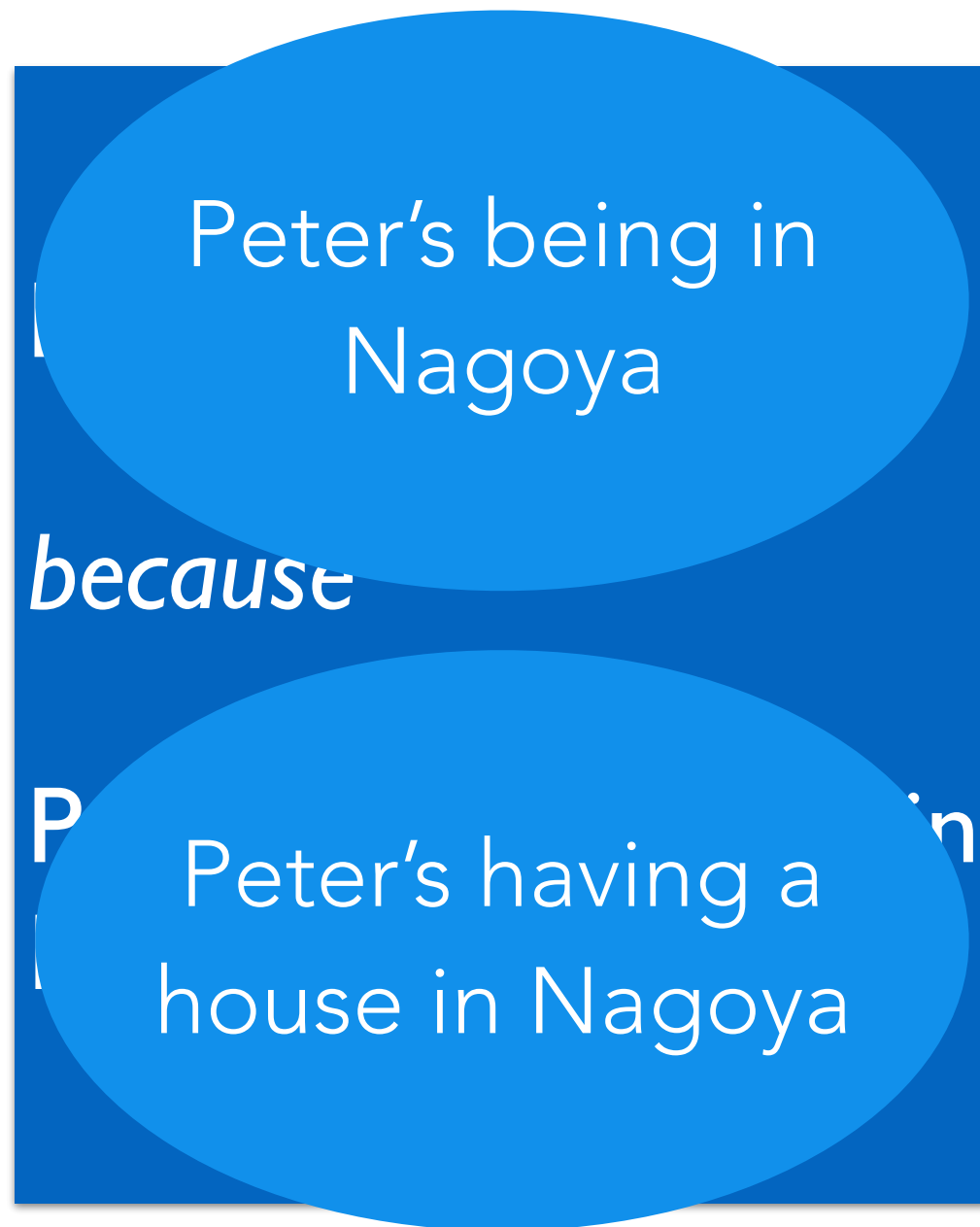


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All academic writers are required to know

The Writing Requirement

How **words** can be properly arranged to express the ideas.

The Thinking Requirement

How **ideas** can be properly arranged so that they can be properly expressed through words in a clear & convincing manner.



Main point of my talk

学術論文の基本的な目的は、結論へと至る論理的ステップを提示することによって、論文の主張する結論を受け入れるよう読者を説得することである。

**Training of logical thinking skills
is needed in order for your thoughts
to be communicated properly
in an academic paper.**

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What is Academic Writing?

Study the following paragraphs, and give us your opinion:

Peter Brown lives with his wife and three children in Brighton. He works as a ticket salesman at the Odean Cinema from Monday to Saturday, between 9:00 and 18:00. He also has a part-time job at a local pub between 20:00 and 24:00 during the weekdays.

Every morning before he goes to work, Peter drives his children to school, and his wife to work. During lunchtime he usually has lunch with his wife. And after the daytime work, Peter always goes to pick up the kids from school before he starts the evening job at the pub.

The modified version

Peter Brown, who lives with his wife and three kids in Brighton, is a devoted family man.

He spends most of his time for work in order to earn enough for a family of five. He works as a ticket salesman at the Odean Cinema from Monday to Saturday, between 9:00 and 18:00. But the income as a ticket salesman is not enough to pay off the mortgage of the family house and tuitions of his three kids, so he also takes a part-time job between 20:00 and 24:00 during the weekdays.

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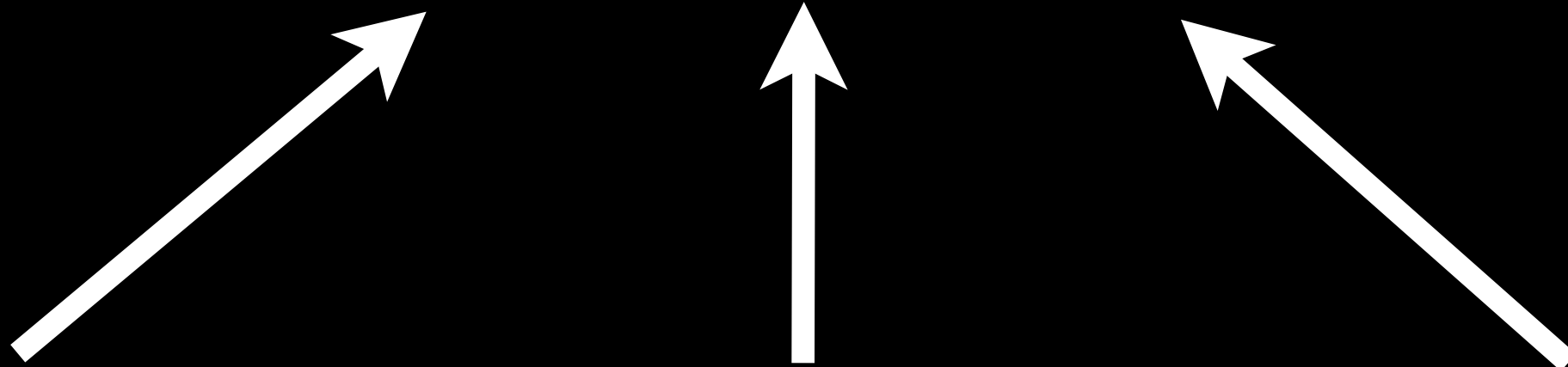
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Thesis Statement



Support 1



Support 2



Support 3

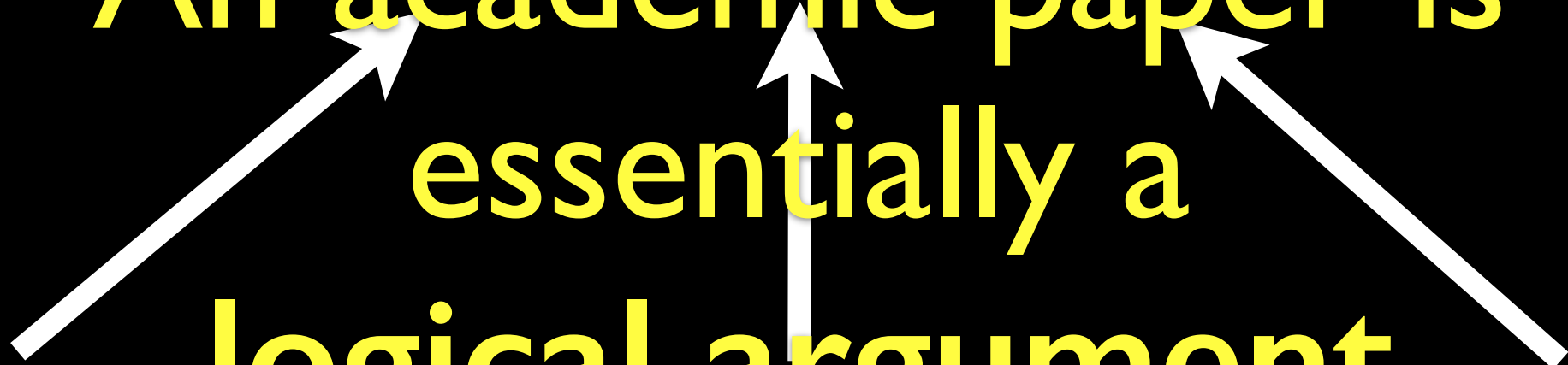
Conclusion

**An academic paper is
essentially a
logical argument**

Premise 1

Premise 2

Premise 3



Try to make the following reason convincing:

Peter cannot come to school today
because his car broke down.

Peter cannot come to school today



his car broke down

Peter cannot come to school today

HOW TO CONNECT THE TWO?

his car broke down



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Main Research Idea  **Support (e.g. evidence)**

Abstract

Introduction

Others



(Homework)

(i) Think about a paper that you are planning to write.

(ii) Develop a thesis statement for the paper.

(iii) Presenting your thesis statement on June 15.

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