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1.4 PIE structure exercise
group 2

In pairs, identify and label the sentences in this paragraph with "TS (topic sentence)", "P (point)", "I (illustration)", "E (explanation)", and "CS (Closing sentence)". Fill in the blanks before each sentence with one of the above letter(s). You may use some of those letters more than once.

TS Learning to communicate well is an important skill for anyone to develop whether a student or a professional. **P** One situation could be communication between teachers and students in the classroom. **I** For example, teachers learn what students understand from what they say. **E** This means that students who want to get good grades in college will have to write well enough to show what they know. **P** Another situation may be a person writing a letter to a favorite rock star and asking for an autographed CD. Furthermore, people use speaking to help take care of problems in their personal and professional lives. **I** For example, professionals sometimes write letters to tell a company about a bad experience a client has had with a product bought for a special occasion present broke on the first day. **I** Lawyers have to prepare their speeches before they present them to a judge or a jury. **E** These examples show how important it is to be able to communicate effectively to request a favor, to articulate a problem, or to do well in the courtroom. **CS** So, from these examples, one can see that learning to write well can be useful in lots of ways for people of all ages.