**Lesson 6**

**A Problem-Solution Paragraph**

**Goal:** Become aware of environmental issues, and figure out possible solutions

**Objectives:**

1. Learn about the problem/solution organization pattern
2. Write a paragraph raising an environmental issue and offer alternatives to work it out

This type of paragraph also has two parts:

a) The first half describes the problem

b) The second half solves it

Some words you might use in this type of paragraph include:

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| **need to** | **solved by** |
| **to prevent** | **can be remedied** |
| **a solution** | **the answer** |
| **to avoid** | **could be prevented if** |

(From: www.teachers.ash.org.au/vsshistory/HistorySkills/2Paragraphs.doc)

**Sample of a Problem-solution Paragraph**

**Pre-writing task 1: Clustering *“Local Water Supply a Major Issue”***

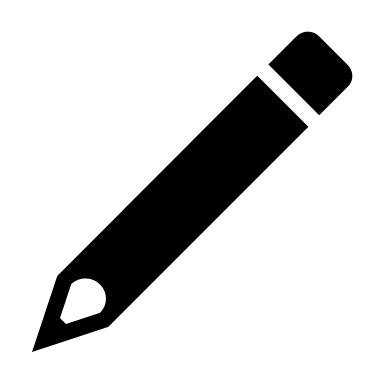
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| **Pre-writing Task 2:**  **Read “Argentina’s grid operates at near capacity*“*** | **Resultado de imagen para off the grid cartoons** |

Despite its renewable energy potential, Argentina has not yet succeeded in turning its natural resources into a reliable power source. Therefore, the country’s grid operates at near capacity leaving the people vulnerable to prolonged blackouts with all the inconveniences that arise when they occur. Less than 2 percent of the country’s electricity comes from renewable energy. To solve that, Argentina declared 2017 the year of renewable energy, with the intention to diversify the country’s energy matrix, reducing dependence on fossil fuels, and cutting emissions. As a result, Argentina launched an ambitious program called RenovAr. Its target is to produce 20 percent of its electricity from renewable sources by 2025. If everything goes smoothly, we will have cheaper energy prices and we will finally prosper in a few years to come.

Adapted from: A New Dawn: Argentina Taps into its Renewable Energy Potential

**Pre-writing Task 3: Brainstorming & Organizing your ideas**

First, think about environmental issues like the one you have read above. Then, choose one of them to write about. After that, organize your ideas in the blank space provided as in pre-writing task 1.

**Writing Task:** Write a paragraph using the Problem-Solution Organization Pattern studied (about 100 words).