

Body Paragraph

Sentence # 1 (Topic Sentence) _____

Sentence # 2 (Concrete Detail) ^{For example,} For instance, _____

Sentence # 3 (Commentary) _____

Sentence # 4 (Commentary) _____

Sentence # 5 (Concrete Detail) ^{In addition,} Furthermore, _____

Sentence # 6 (Commentary) _____

Sentence # 7 (Commentary) _____

Sentence # 8 (Closing) _____

Transitional Words and Phrases

accordingly
consequently
furthermore
meanwhile
otherwise
thus
for instance
on the contrary

afterwards
doubtless
hence
moreover
perhaps
as a result
in any case
in addition

again
eventually
however
namely
possibly
at last
in fact
that is

anyhow
evidently
indeed
nevertheless
still
at the same time
in short
on the other hand

besides
finally
likewise
next
therefore
for example
for instance

Body Paragraphs

They must explain and give examples to prove the thesis, they must flow smoothly from one paragraph to the next through use of transitions, and each paragraph must describe a specific aspect of the essay.

EXAMPLES, EXAMPLES, and more EXAMPLES!!!

Examples are the only way to prove the point you are making.

Standard Body

Topic

Body paragraphs must read smoothly from one paragraph to the next.

CD #1

You should check for the following:

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1. Use a transition statement in either the second or third body paragraph--not both. Transitions begin with words like since, while, in addition to, as, etc.

CD #2

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2. Never end a paragraph with an introduction of the next paragraph's topic. Transitions or the topic sentence belong in the first sentence of the paragraph.

CLOSE

3. Avoid using a closing sentence in every body paragraph. You need not recap all you have said within the final sentence. If, however, a body paragraph seems to end too abruptly, then consider a clincher sentence based upon the topic of that paragraph.

4. Never use phrases like, "In the next paragraph," "In this essay," "I just told you why...," or "Now I'm going to..." Do not talk to the reader, and do not talk about your essay. In other words, do not refer to your writing.

5. Be certain that every body paragraph begins with a different word or phrase.

6. Check the sentence length in each body paragraph. Use a combination of simple, compound, and complex sentences.

Keep each paragraph unique.

Transitional Words and Phrases

Use a transition word or phrase in either the second or third body paragraph--not both. This will improve the quality of your essay. It adds flavor and originality to your paper. Remember to change-up the way you begin sentences and paragraphs. The more creative you are, the better your essay will be.

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