

Paragraph Templates

Sequence or Chronology

Topic sentence: _____

Details:

First _____

Second _____

Next _____

Finally _____

Concluding sentence: _____

Common Transitions:

first, second, initially, before, next, following, after, then, finally, lastly

Description or Explanation

Topic sentence: _____

Details:

One thing _____

Another _____

In addition _____

Concluding sentence: _____

Common Transitions:

for instance, such as, another, in addition, for example, furthermore, also

Cause and Effect

Topic sentence: _____

Details:

(cause) _____

Because of this _____

The effect was _____

Another effect was _____

Concluding sentence: _____

Common Transitions:

because of, as a result, caused by, consequently, for that reason,
that is why, therefore, thus

Problem and Solution

Topic sentence: _____

Details:

The problem was _____

Also _____

The solution was _____

Another solution was _____

Concluding sentence: _____

Common Transitions:

the problem is, the question is, a solution is, therefore, if...then

Compare and Contrast

Topic sentence: _____

Compare Details:

One similarity is _____

They both _____

A final way they are the same _____

Contrast Details:

One way they are different _____

Another way they are different _____

A final difference is _____

Concluding sentence: _____

Common Transitions:

by comparison, compared to, in like manner, likewise, similarly, but, however, in contrast, on the contrary, on the other hand, unlike