

Writing Your Body Paragraphs

Refer to the guidelines below to help you structure your body paragraphs.
You DO NOT NEED TO MATCH THIS EXACTLY. It is here to help you!

- Roughly 7-10 sentences
- 1st sentence must be a topic sentence stating what the paragraph is about.
 - **NOT OKAY:** “This paragraph will be about kinesthetic learners.”
 - **OKAY:** “Students who prefer a more hands-on, interactive approach to learning are considered kinesthetic learners.”
- Sentences 2-3 should cover basic information about your topic. Look at your outline for information.
- Sentences 4-5 provide evidence from the text to support the above claims. **USE TRANSITION STATEMENTS.** □ Research shows, Studies prove, It is evident that, etc...
**Don't forget to use in-text citations!
- Sentences 6-7 **EXPLAIN** the significance of the quotes that were used.
- Sentences 8-9 conclude the paragraph and transition into the next.
- You will have at least one body paragraph for each direct subtopic in your outline.

Body Paragraph Example:

Students who prefer a more hands-on, interactive approach to learning are considered kinesthetic learners. Formally, a kinesthetic learner can be defined as “a learning style that requires a student to manipulate or touch material to learn. Kinesthetic-tactile techniques are used in combination with visual and/or auditory study techniques, producing multi-sensory learning” (Houghton). Furthermore, it is apparent to educators that this style of learner cannot learn as well by simply listening to a lecture or watching a demonstration; instead, the student prefers to be actively engaged and to learn by doing the task themselves. Typically, activities such as group work, drama presentation, recreational games, and project-based assessments will peak a kinesthetic learner’s interest (Farwell). In a recent study conducted by Jarred Prince, it was discovered that on average, 30% of students are considered kinesthetic learners (Prince). Knowing this, teachers are able to develop a variety of interactive lesson plans that will allow kinesthetic learners to express their creativity by performing the task at hand. Ultimately, this style of learning is most successful when the student and the teacher both understand that in order to sustain their attention; the activities must reach the student on a more tactile level.

TRANSITION STATEMENTS

Using transition statements that sound professional and intelligent will add credibility to your work.

Here's a list of transition statements:

- ✓ First, second, third...
- ✓ Not only _____, but also _____
- ✓ Research shows...
- ✓ Studies prove...
- ✓ It is evident that...
- ✓ In addition...
- ✓ Furthermore...
- ✓ Moreover...
- ✓ Comparatively...
- ✓ Equally important...
- ✓ To conclude...
- ✓ As previously stated...
- ✓ To summarize...
- ✓ Overall...
- ✓ Given these points...
- ✓ For example...
- ✓ For instance...
- ✓ Ultimately...
- ✓ _____ (author's name) states...
- ✓ Therefore...
- ✓ However...
- ✓ Unfortunately...
- ✓ Fortunately...
- ✓ Other _____

BUILDING YOUR BODY PARAGRAPHS

Directions If you'd like, write out brief notes about how you'd like to structure your first body paragraph. ***OPTIONAL*** *Do not submit this graphic organizer as it is just for your personal use.*

Topic Sentence: 1 sentence	
Basic Information: 2-3 sentences	
Direct quote or paraphrased information: 2-3 sentences with transition statements & in-text citations	
Follow up sentences: 2-3 sentences explaining the importance of the above quotes.	
Concluding sentence: 1-2 sentences	