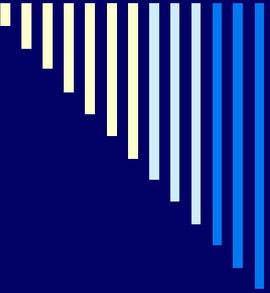


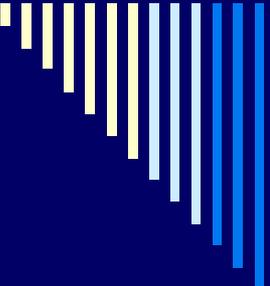
Functions of a well-written introductory paragraph

1. Attracting the reader's interest
 2. Making a point
 3. Outlining the essay
 4. Supplying any needed background information
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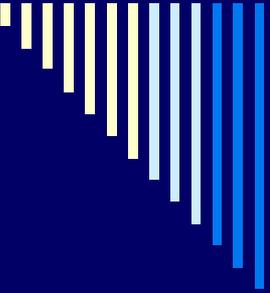
Common methods of writing an introduction

1. Starting with an opposite idea or situation
 2. Using an incident or a brief story
 3. Asking one or more questions
 4. Using a quotation
 5. Moving from the general to the narrow
 6. Stating the importance of the topic
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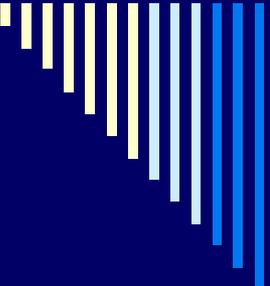
Body of a five-paragraph essay

- A. Features of the topic sentence in central paragraphs
 1. Stating the paragraph's main idea
 2. Using a transition
 3. Reminding the reader of the thesis statement
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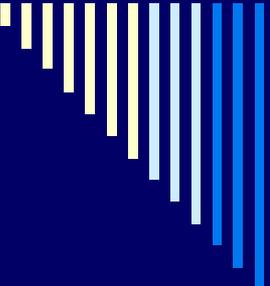


The benefits of television

We hear a lot about the negative effects of television on the viewer. Obviously, television can be harmful if it is watched constantly to the exclusion of other activities. It would be just as harmful to listen to CDs all the time or to eat constantly. However, when television is watched in moderation, it is extremely valuable, as it provides relaxation, entertainment, and education.

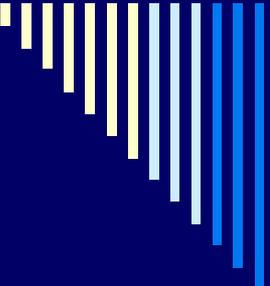


First of all, watching TV has the value of **sheer relaxation**. Watching television can be soothing and restful after an eight-hour of pressure, challenges, or concentration. After working hard all day, people look forward to a new episode of a favorite show. This period of relaxation leaves viewers refreshed and ready to take on the world again. Watching TV also seems to reduce stress in some people. This benefit of television is just beginning to be recognized. One doctor, for example, advises his patients with high blood pressure to relax in the evening with a few hours of television.

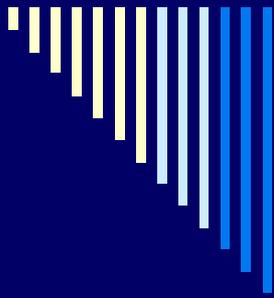


In addition to being relaxing, television is entertaining.

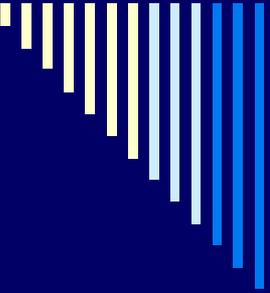
Along with the standard comedies, dramas, , and game shows that provide enjoyment to viewers, television offers a variety of movies and sport events. Moreover, in many areas, viewers can pay a monthly fee and receive special cable programming. With this service, viewers can watch first-run movies, rock and classical music concerts, and specialized sports events, like international soccer and racing. Viewers can also buy or rent movies to show on their television sets through video desk players or videocassette players. Still another growing area of TV entertainment is video games. Cartridges are available for everything from electronic baseball to Mortal Combat, allowing the owner to have a video game arcade in the living room.



Most important, television is educational. Preschoolers learn colors, numbers, and letters from public television programs that use animation and puppets to make learning fun. Science shows for older children go on location to analyze everything from volcanoes to rocket launches. Adults, too, can get an education from courses given on television. Also, television widens our knowledge by covering important events and current news. Viewers can see and hear presidents' speeches, state funerals, natural disasters, and election results as they are happening. Finally with a phone line and a special terminal, television allows any member of the family to access and learn from all the information resources on the internet.

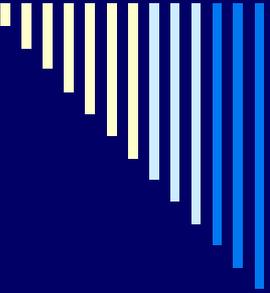


Perhaps because television is such a powerful force, we like to criticize it and search for its flaws. However, the benefits of television should not be ignored. We can use television to relax, to have fun, and to make ourselves smarter. This electronic wonder, then, is a servant, not a master.



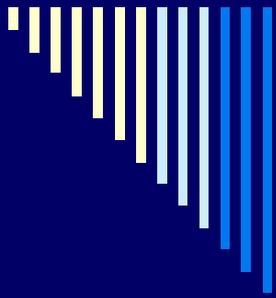
Organization and connection of the central paragraphs

1. Common methods of organization
 2. Transitions
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Common methods of organization

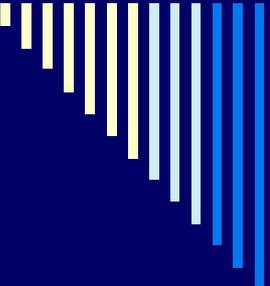
- A. Time or chronological order
 - B. Emphatic order
 - C. A combination of the two
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Chronological order

To exercise successfully, you should follow a simple plan consisting of arranging time, making preparations, and warming up properly.

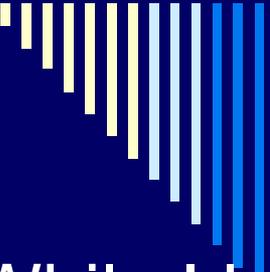
1. To begin with, you should set aside a regular hour for exercise.
2. Next, you should prepare for your exercise session.
3. Finally, you should do a series of warm-up activities.



Emphatic order

Celebrities lead very stressful lives.

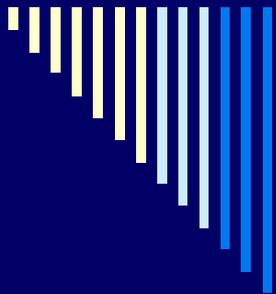
1. For one thing, celebrities don't have the privacy an ordinary person does.
 2. In addition, celebrities are under constant pressure.
 3. Most important, celebrities must deal with the stress of being in constant danger.
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A combination of both

While I love movies as much as ever, the inconvenience of going out, the temptations of the theatre, and the behavior of patrons are the reasons for me to wait and rent the video.

1. To begin with, I don't enjoy the general hassle of the evening.
 2. Second, the theatre offers tempting snacks that I really don't need.
 3. Many of the other patrons are even more of a problem than the concession stand.
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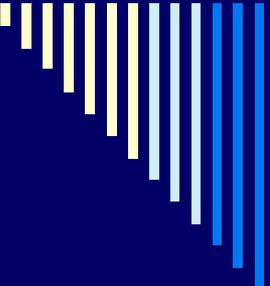


Transitions

1. Transitional or linking phrases

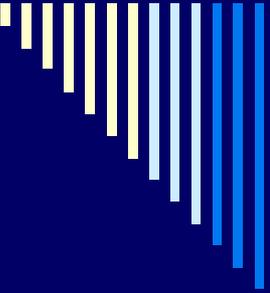
The most helpful values I learned from my parents are the importance of family support, of hard work, and of a good education.

- a. First, my parents taught me that family members should stick together, especially in time of trouble.
 - b. In addition to teaching me about the importance of family support, my parents taught me the value of hard work.
 - c. Along with the value of hard work, my parents emphasized the benefits of a good education.
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2. Transitional words

- a. Addition signals: one, first of all, the third reason ...
 - b. Time signals: first, then, next, after, as, before, ...
 - c. Space signals: next to, on the opposite side of, to the left, ...
 - d. Cause-of-direction signals: but, however, yet, on the contrary, ...
 - e. Illustration signals: for example, for instance, specifically, ...
 - f. Conclusion signals: therefore, consequently, finally, as a result, last of all
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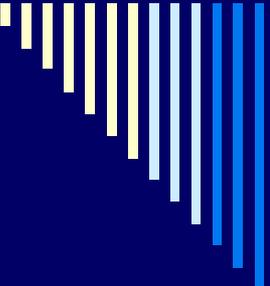
Other connecting words

1. Repeated words
 2. Pronouns
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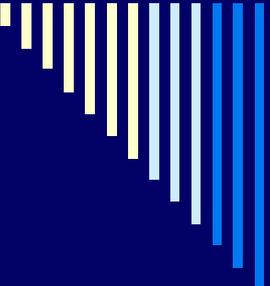
Repeated words

One reason for studying psychology is to help you deal with your children. Perhaps your young daughter refuses to go to bed when you want her to and bursts into tears at the least mention of “lights out.” A little knowledge of psychology comes in handy. Offer her a choice of staying up until 7:30 with you or going upstairs and playing until 8:00. Since she gets to make the choice, she does not feel so powerless and will not resist. Psychology is also useful in rewarding a child for a job. Instead of telling your ten-year-old son what a good boy he is when he makes his own bed, tell him how neat it looks, how happy you are to see it, and how proud of him you are for doing it by himself. The psychology books will tell you that being a good boy is much harder to live up to than doing one job well.



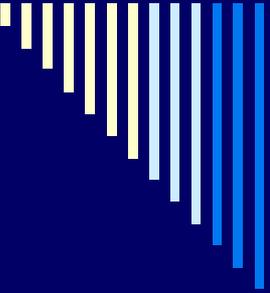
Pronouns

Another way for people to economize at an amusement park is to bring their own food. If they pack a nourishing, well-balanced lunch of cold chicken, carrot sticks, and fruit, they will avoid having to pay for high prices for hamburgers and hot dogs. They will also save on calories. Also, instead of filling up of soft drinks, they should bring a thermos of iced tea. Iced tea is more refreshing than soda, and it is a great deal cheaper. Every dollar that is not spent at a refreshment stand is one that can be spent on another ride.



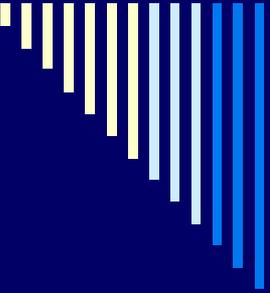
synonyms

There are several methods of fund-raising that work well with small organizations. One technique is to hold an auction, with every one either contributing an item from home or obtaining a donation from a sympathetic local merchant. Because all the merchandize and the services of the auctioneer have been donated, the entire proceeds can be placed in the organization's treasury. A second fund-raising procedure is a car wash. Club members and their children get together on a Saturday and wash all the cars in the neighborhood for a few dollar apiece. A third time-tested way to raise money is to hold a bake sale, with each family contributing homemade cookies, layer cakes, or cupcakes. Sold by the piece or by the box, these baked goods will satisfyingly fill both the stomach and the pocketbook.

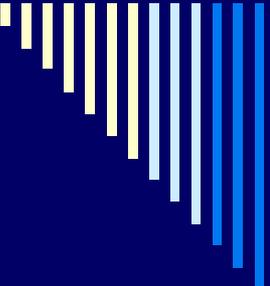


An illustrative example

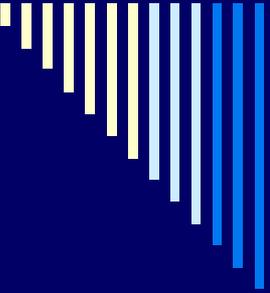
Do you realize that newly born children are not even aware that parts of their bodies belong to them? I learned this fascinating fact in psychology course from a book that says a baby “lies on his back, kicking his heels and watching the little fists flying past his face. But only very slowly does he come to know that they are attached to him and he can control them” (Mary Ann Spencer Pulaski, *Understanding Piaget*, p. 21). Children have a lot of learning to do before they can see the world—and themselves—through grown-up eyes. As children pass through this remarkable process of growing up, **they often do humorous things**, especially in learning to speak, in discovering that all objects do not have human characteristics, and in trying to imitate others around them.



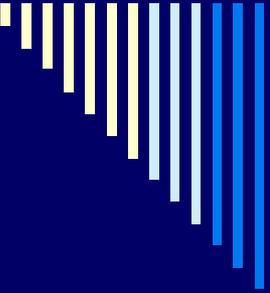
Not surprisingly, one area in which children are often humorous is in learning to speak. I remember one time I was talking to a friend on the phone while my little sister, Betsy, seemed to be playing inattentively on the floor nearby. After I hung up, Betsy asked me, “why is the teacher going to give Janet an old tomato?” At first I couldn’t figure out what Betsy was talking about. When I asked her what she meant, she said, “you said if Janet doesn’t hand in her homework, the teacher is going to give her an old tomato.” finally I caught on. The word I used was *ultimatum*.



Children can also be funny in the way they “humanize” the objects around them. According to my psychology book, Up to four or five years old, the child believes anything may be endowed with purpose and conscious activity. A ball may refuse to be thrown straight, or a ‘naughty’ chair may be responsible for bumping him” (Pulaski, *Understanding Piaget*, p. 45). I, myself, can still remember one vivid and scary afternoon when I was sure the sun was following me around, just waiting for the right moment to get me. I also can remember a time, not scary, When Betsy stood at the top of the stairs and yelled to her shoes at the bottom, “Shoes! Get up here!”



Another way in which children are sometimes funny is in their attempts to imitate what they see around them. All children look pretty silly when they dress up like mothers and fathers and play “house.” my psychology book tells me of a more interesting example, though. The famous psychologist Jean Piaget wrote of the time his sixteen-month-old daughter quietly watched a visiting little boy throw a tantrum in trying to get out of his playpen. Piaget’s daughter thought it would be fun to try the same thing: “The next day, she herself screamed in her playpen and tried to move it, stamping her foot lightly several times in succession. The imitation of the whole sense was most striking” (quoted in Pulaski, *Understanding Piaget*, p. 81).



Little children are funny creatures to watch, aren't they? But as we laugh, we have to admire, too, because the humorous mistakes are but temporary side trips that children take on the amazingly complicated journey to maturity—a long way from the beginning, where they lay in wonder, silently watching the strange, fingered spacecraft passing, back and forth, before their infant eyes.
