

Lesson 10. Body Paragraphs

Each body paragraph contains:

- major support for the thesis
- development of the major support in the form of supporting details and explanations
- a sentence or phrase that relates the support to the thesis

Support

The support (reasons and evidence) you have chosen to include in the body paragraphs of your essay should already be referenced in your introductory paragraph. Each major support should be clearly stated at the beginning of a body paragraph, developed, and then related back to the thesis. Your choice of each support must show your ability to think critically and to make wise choices.

Recognizing Topic Sentences for Body Paragraphs

Exercise 10 – a

Directions: Read the following introductory paragraphs. Identify the list of reasons and evidence which comprise the support that will be used in the essay. Then, choose the best sentence to begin the first body paragraph which will follow the introductory paragraph. Be sure to choose the sentence that contains the first support that the essay will discuss. The sentence you choose should repeat the support while relating it to the thesis.

Introductory Paragraph 1

School cafeterias should be required to serve food that enhances good health and tastes good. They should be required to offer fresh salad, fresh fruit, and no food that contains trans fat. Ensuring the health of the younger generation means ensuring the future of the country.

1. Which sentence best begins the first body paragraph?
 - A. Everyone enjoys eating fresh salads, and they are growing in popularity, even in an overweight America.
 - B. Fresh salads may cost more but the cost is small in comparison to the health benefits.
 - C. First there are salads.
 - D. Salads can be good for everyone once people learn of salad's benefits.