

## Relating the Support to the Thesis

After offering major support in the form of reasons and evidence for your thesis and developing each reason and piece of evidence, you must skillfully lead your reader back to the thesis. In performing this very important function, you should use synonyms for your key words if at all possible. The concluding sentence of each body paragraph is the logical place to achieve this.

### Exercise 10 - g

*Directions: Carefully read each essay. Fill in the blanks by writing sentences that relate the support and its development back to the thesis. Be sure to include synonyms in these sentences.*

#### Writing Prompt 6

Some people believe that beauty is in the eye of the beholder. Others assert that we are taught what is beautiful. What is your opinion on this issue? You may take either side or you may present a different point of view on this question. Choose appropriate support for your thesis and develop it with supporting details and thorough explanations.

*Fill in the blanks in the essay below.*

Beauty may be in the eyes of the beholder, but the beholder has been trained to expect certain standards of beauty in women. Magazines, television, and movies are responsible for society's idea of beauty, which is a false one. They manufacture beauty; they do not reflect it.

Women's magazines prescribe the standards of beauty by putting on their covers impossible visions of the perfect female. These women may not be perfect in actual life, but they look perfect by the time their pictures are airbrushed, colored, and edited. This ideal beauty is, of course, artificial. She has luxuriant hair, radiant skin, and perfectly proportioned features. The feminine population that shines in advertisements for beauty products is beautiful, perfect, and unreal. Believing that they can achieve this level of perfection, millions of female readers try to emulate the magazine goddesses. They starve themselves into a thin but unhealthy body and spend huge amounts of money on make up, hair care, and even plastic surgery. \_\_\_\_\_

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