

Paragraph Structure in Persuasive Writing

Thesis

Every paragraph in your persuasive writing is there to support the point of view that you are making (your thesis). The thesis should be clearly stated in your introduction.

Example Thesis: *To make the world a better and happier place, everyone should do volunteering.*

Each body paragraph will focus an argument that **proves** the thesis.

How to Structure your Paragraphs (TEEL, aka Hamburger Paragraphs)

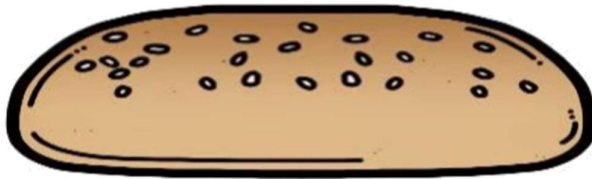
Parts of a Paragraph		For example:	Hamburger Metaphor
T	<p>Topic Sentence</p> <p>The argument being made in support of your thesis is clearly stated in the first sentence.</p> <p>This could start with a connective word like <i>clearly, therefore, however, firstly, on the other hand...</i></p> <p>Imagine this as the Introduction of your paragraph.</p>	<p>Not only is volunteering beneficial for the community, but it is highly rewarding for the volunteers themselves.</p>	The Bun
E	<p>Expanding/Elaborating Information</p> <p>The following sentence provides more detail about the topic.</p>	<p>Volunteering is a fun and fulfilling experience that allows people to explore their passion and interests.</p>	The Salad
E	<p>Evidence and Examples</p>	<p>It is also beneficial to people looking to switch to a new career path by allowing them to volunteer in that field to gain valuable job skills.</p>	The Tomato
E	<p>List the proof for the argument.</p>	<p>The experience people gain by volunteering also makes them more attractive to possible future employers.</p>	The Cheese
E	<p>The E sections are the 'body' of your argument.</p>	<p>Volunteering also increases self-confidence and helps people stay physically healthy, combat depression and develop their teambuilding, social and relationship skills by making new friends and contacts.</p>	The Meat
L	<p>Linking Sentences</p> <p>In persuasive writing, this sentence clarifies how this reason supports your argument. Your thesis and the argument should be mentioned.</p> <p>This sentence can act like a summary of the paragraph.</p>	<p>It is quite often that the volunteers themselves benefit as much from the experience as the people they are helping out.</p>	The Bun

Persuasive Writing Structure

Think of a piece of writing like a hamburger in a hamburger.

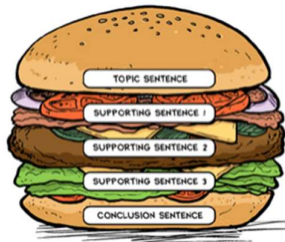
In Persuasive Writing, **the thesis is argued at every BUN level.**

Evidence (data, expertise and examples) is included only in the FILLING levels.



Introduction

Thesis

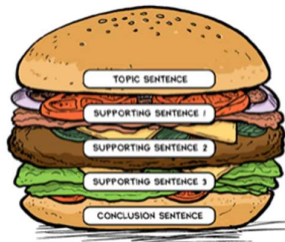


Body Section 1

Reason 1

Evidence and Examples for Reason 1

Link back to Thesis

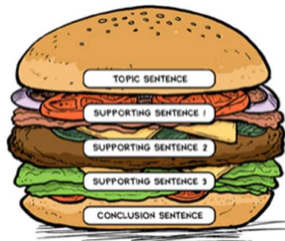


Body Section 2

Reason 2

Evidence and Examples for Reason 2

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Body Section 3

Reason 3

Evidence and Examples for Reason 3

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Conclusion

Restate thesis

Summarise reasons