

Elements of the Lecture

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Body Paragraphs

The body paragraph in an essay are like the supporting sentences in a paragraph. They are the place to develop your topic and prove your points. You should organize your body paragraph according to some sort of pattern, such as

- Chronological order
- Comparison/ contrast
- or both

a. Logical division of Ideas.

(basic pattern for essays is logical division of ideas.)

- In this pattern, you divide your topic into subtopics and then discuss each subtopic in a separate paragraph.
- Logical division is an appropriate pattern for explaining causes, reasons, types, kinds, qualities, methods, advantages, and disadvantages, as these typical college exam questions ask you to do.
- **For Example:** College questions are as the following:

Economic Explain the three causes of inflation

Agriculture/ Landscape design Describe the basic types of soils and additives needed to prepare each type for planting.

U.S. History Discuss the causes of the U.S. Civil War.

Business explain the three main forms of business organization

Health Sciences Describe the various classes of drugs used to treat depression.

b. Three Keys to Organize Logical Division Essay

- 1- Divide your topic into subtopics, and then discuss each subtopic in a separate paragraph.
- 2- Write a thesis statement that indicates logical division.
- 3- Use transitions between paragraphs to guide your reader from one subtopic to the next.

c. Thesis Statements for Logical Division of Ideas

- **The thesis statement of a logical division essay often indicates the number of subtopics:**
 - a- Native Americans have made valuable contributions to modern U.S. culture in four main areas.
 - b- Inflation has three causes.
- **The thesis statement may even name the subtopics:**
 - a- Native Americans have made valuable contributions to modern U.S. culture, particularly in the areas of language, art, food, and government.
 - b- inflation has three causes: excessive government spending, unrestrained consumer borrowing, and an increase in the supply of paper money.

To be continued →

c-Paired Conjunctions

Paired conjunctions (both... and, not only... but also) are an especially effective way to list two subtopics.

c. Young people in my culture have less freedom than young people in the United States**not only** in their choice of lifestyle **but also** in their choice of careers.

d. Puppies, like children, need **both** love **and** discipline to become responsible membersof society.

d. Colon (:)

* **A colon** is often useful before lists of two, three, or more subtopics in a thesis statement:

e. Young people in my culture have less freedom than young people in the United States in three areas: where they live, whom they marry, and what their job is.

f. The Father of Psychoanalysis, Sigmund Freud, believed that the human mind had three separate parts: the id, the ego, and the superego.

* **Notice** that subtopics are in **parallel form**, which means that they have the same grammatical form: In example **a**, **d**, and **f** all are nouns; in example **b**, all are adjective + noun phrases; in example **c** all are prepositional phrases, in example **e**, all are dependent clauses.

e. Parallelism

is an important element in English writing, especially when you are listing and comparing and contrasting items or ideas. Parallelism means that each item in a list or comparison follows the same grammatical pattern. If you are writing a list and the first item in your list is a noun, write all the following items as nouns also. If the first item is an -ing word, make all the others -ing words; if it is an adverb clause, make all the others adverb clause.

Not Parallel	Parallel
My English conversation class is made up of Chinese, Spaniards, and some are from Bosnia.	My English Conversation class is made up of Chinese, Spaniards, and Bosnians. (The items are all nouns)
	Before you write a paper or before you take a test , you must organize your thoughts. Before you write a paper or take a test, you must organize your thoughts.

f. Parallelism with correlative conjunctions

Use parallel forms with the paired conjunctions both... and , either...or, neither...nor, and not only...but also. Paired conjunctions are placed directly before the elements that join in the sentence. Notice the parallel sentences in these clauses joined by paired conjunctions:

- A new law provides the means for both regulating pesticides and ordering their removal if they are dangerous.
- Air pollutants may come either from the ocean as natural contaminants given by sea life or from the internal combustion engines of automobiles.

Practice 3: (A.) page 66

Check the thesis statements that suggest logical division as a method of organization

- ____ 1. Teenagers demonstrate their independence in several ways.
- ____ 2. on their eighteenth birthday, U.S. citizens receive two important rights/possibilities: they can vote, and they can sign legal contracts.
- ____ 3. in most occupations, women are still unequal to men in three areas: salary, power, and status.
- ____ 4. living in a dormitory offers several advantages to first-year students.
- ____ 5. a college degree in international business requires (1) a knowledge of business procedures and (2) a knowledge of cultural differences.
- ____ 6. a computer is both faster and more accurate than a human.

Practice: 3 (B) page 66

Analyze the following thesis statements. Note: you may want to use one of the topics in this practice or the next for your own essay at the end of the chapter.

Step 1 Locate the main topic and the subtopics in each of the following thesis statements.

Step 2 Draw a box around the topic .

Step 3 Underline the subtopics.

Step 4 Draw a circle around the words or punctuation marks that introduce the subtopics.

The first one has been done for you as an example:

1. Capital punishment should be abolished **not only** because it deprives another person of life **but also** because it does not stop crimes.

Do This By Yourself 😊

2. Women generally live longer than men for two main reasons : They tend to take better care of their health, **and** they have better resistance to stress.
3. Teenagers declare their separateness from their parents by the way they dress **and** by the way they talk.
4. In choosing a major, a student has to consider various factors, **such as** personal interest, job opportunities, and the availability of training institutions.
5. An architect should be both an artist and an engineer.
6. A healthy lifestyle involves eating a nutritious diet, exercising regularly, and getting enough sleep at night.

g. Thesis statement Pitfalls.

A thesis is the most important sentence in your essay, so write it with special thought and care. Avoid these common problems:

Problem 1: The thesis is too general.

TOO GENERAL A college education is a good investment.

IMPROVED A college education is a good investment for four reasons.

TOO GENERAL Lasers are very useful .

IMPROVED lasers have several applications in industry and medicine.

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g. Thesis Statement Second Pitfall.

Problem 2: The thesis makes a simple announcement.

ANNOUNCEMENT I am going to write about sports injuries.

IMPROVED Avoid sports injuries by taking a few simple precautions.

Problem 3: The Thesis states an obvious fact.

OBVIOUS FACT The internet is a communication superhighway.

IMPROVED

The explosion of the internet has had both positive and negative consequences.

Practice 4: Writing Logical Division Thesis Statements

Write thesis statement for logical division essay on each of the following topics. For items 1-3, suggestions for subtopics are given in parentheses, which you do not have to use if you have ideas of your own. For items 4 and 5, use your own ideas.

- 1- Clothing, hair, or shoe style in your school (three styles)

Three clothing styles you can see at my university include Uniforms dress, Dishdash, and pants.

- 2- Dangerous automobile drivers (speeders, cell-phone users, teens)

There are three types of drivers that make our street unsafe: speeders, cell-phone users, and teenagers.

(Do this by yourself)

- 3- Disneyland's or Disney World's appeal (children and adults)

- 4- The advantages (or the disadvantages) of living in a large city/ a small town.

Living in a small town has several advantages: little traffic, a low crime rate, friendlyneighbors, and community spirits.

- 5- Kinds of appeals television advertisers use to sell automobiles/beer/ any product or service.

h. Transition Signals For Logical Division of Ideas...

Transition signals for logical division essays include many that you may already know.

Transition Words or Phrases	
first, first of all, second, third, etc. next, last, finally, also, in addition, moreover, furthermore	First , excessive government spending can lead to inflation. In addition , unrestrained consumer borrowing can cause inflationary tendencies. Finally , an increase in the supply of paper money gives rise to inflation

h. Transition Signals For Logical Division of Ideas...

Coordinators	
and both... and not only... but also	Both an increase in the supply of paper money and unrestrained consumer borrowing can cause inflationary tendencies. To lose weight, one must not only exercise regularly but also eat

	wisely.
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h. Transition Signals For Logical Division of Ideas...

Others	
<p>the first cause, reason, factor, etc.</p> <p>the /a second problem, result, advantage, etc. one problem, reason, important factor, etc. another way, reason, disadvantage, etc.</p> <p>an additional problem, result, etc.</p> <p>in addition to math and science...</p>	<p>A second cause is an increase in the supply of paper money.</p> <p>Regular exercise is one way to get fit and lose weight.</p> <p>In addition to government spending, unrestrained consumer borrowing can cause inflationary tendencies.</p>

J. Transition Signals Between Paragraphs

Linking paragraphs with transitions helps your reader see how the subtopics are related. Link one paragraph to the next by adding a transition to the topic sentence of the second paragraph. This transition may be a single word, a phrase, or a dependent clause that repeats or summarizes the main idea in the preceding paragraph.

Study the following model, and notice how the paragraphs are linked. → → → →

MODEL

Aggressive Drivers

BODY
PARAGRAPH

The number of vehicles on freeways and streets is growing at an alarming rate. The increase of motor vehicles is creating hazardous conditions. Moreover, drivers are in such a rush to get to their destinations that many become angry or impatient with other motorists who are too slow or who are in their way. Aggressive drivers react foolishly toward others in several dangerous ways.

TRANSITION

PARAGRAPH
TRANSITIONS

One way an angry driver may react is cut off another motorist. (+ supporting sentences)

BODY
PARAGRAPH 2

TRANSITION

Another way is to tailgate the other car. (+ supporting sentences)

BODY
PARAGRAPH 3

TRANSITION

In addition to cutting off and tailgating other cars, aggressive drivers often use rude language or gestures to show their anger. (+ Supporting sentences)

BODY
PARAGRAPH 4

TRANSITION

WORDS

Although law enforcement authorities warn motorists against aggressive driving, the number who cut out their angry impulses has not declined. (+ Supporting sentences)

CONCLUDING
PARAGRAPH

To conclude, aggressive drivers are endangering everyone because they create hazardous conditions by acting and driving foolishly. They should control their anger and learn to drive safely. After all, the lives they save could be their own.