

英文寫作示範

How to write an
effective English essay



如何寫好英文作文

(論述性文章) *an argumentative essay*

1. **You need to present your arguments.**

不能只是敘述，還要有觀點。

2. **Write a 5-paragraph essay.**

請使用傳統西方的五段式寫作法。

3. **Don't just translate; try to think in English.**

不要翻譯，儘量用英文思考

4. **Practice until you drop.**

勤練與苦練為成功之本



The Five-Paragraph Essay

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4. Body — Third paragraph:

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5. Conclusion: Concluding paragraph:

This paragraph should include the following:

an allusion to the pattern used in the introductory paragraph,

a restatement of the thesis statement, using some of the original language or language that "echoes" the original language. (The restatement, however, must not be a duplicate thesis statement.)

a summary of the three main points from the body of the paper.

a final statement that gives the reader signals that the discussion has come to an end. (This final statement may be a "call to action" in an persuasive paper.)

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An introductory paragraph

- **Body**

3 paragraphs

- **Conclusion**

A concluding paragraph

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Body

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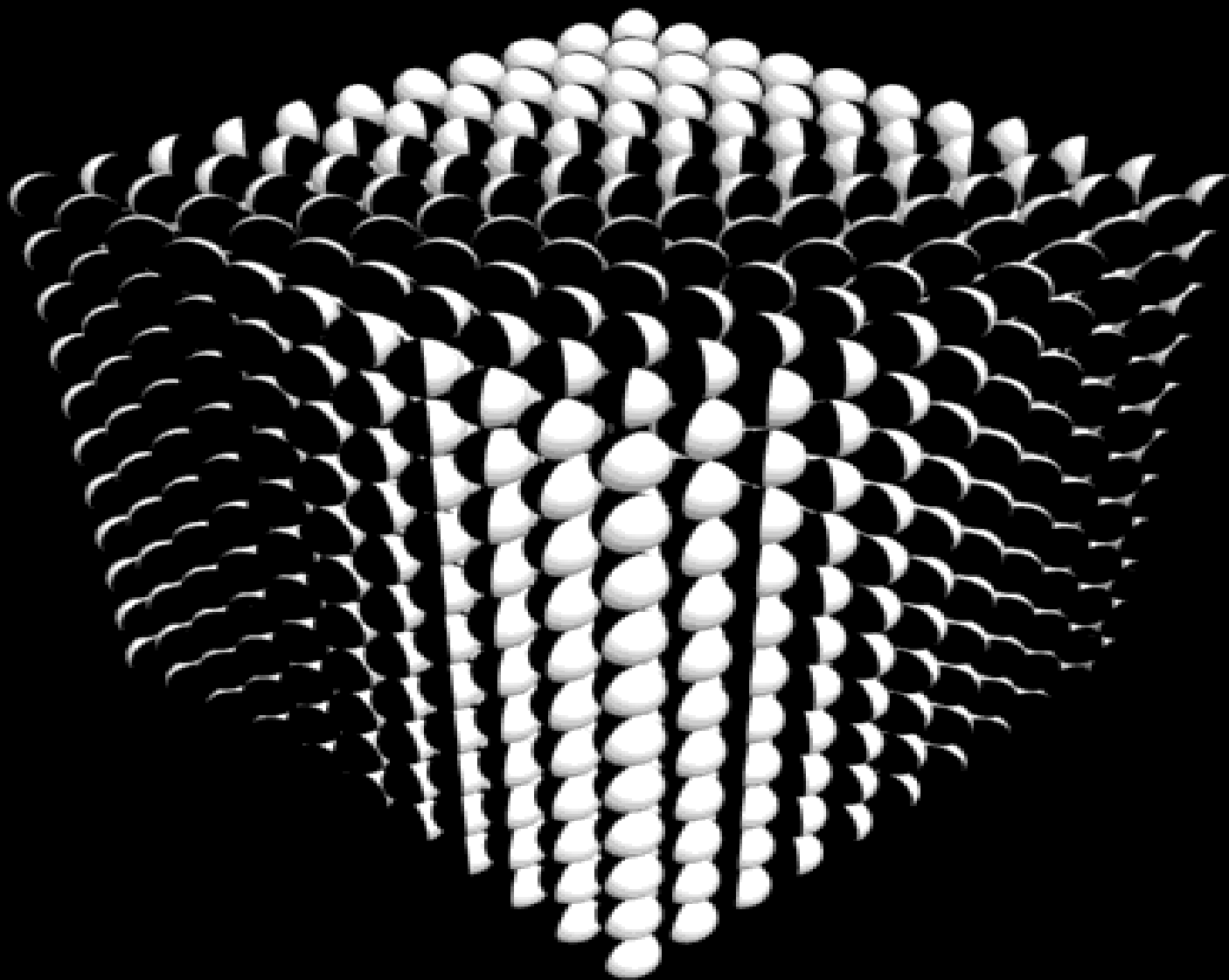
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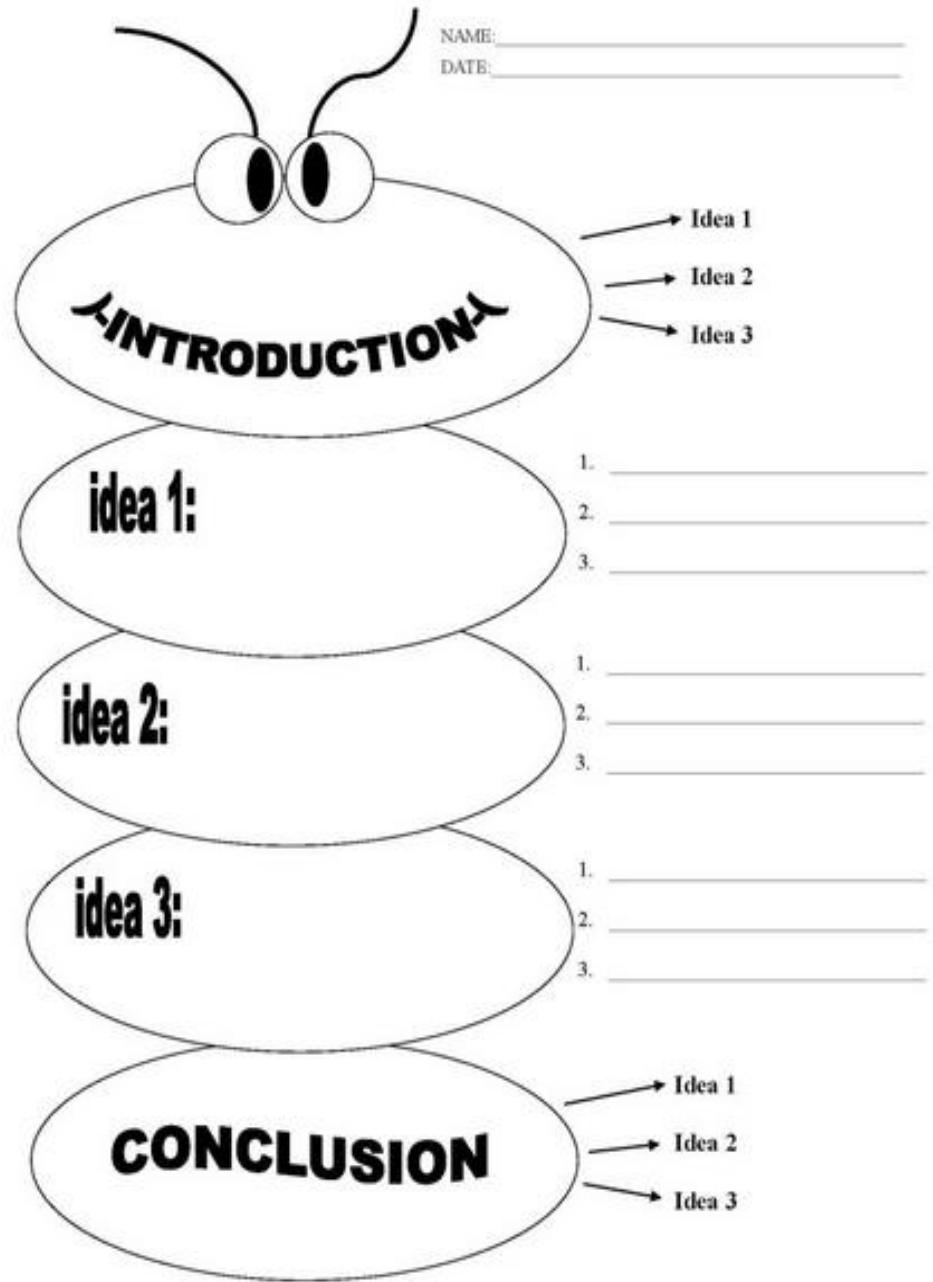
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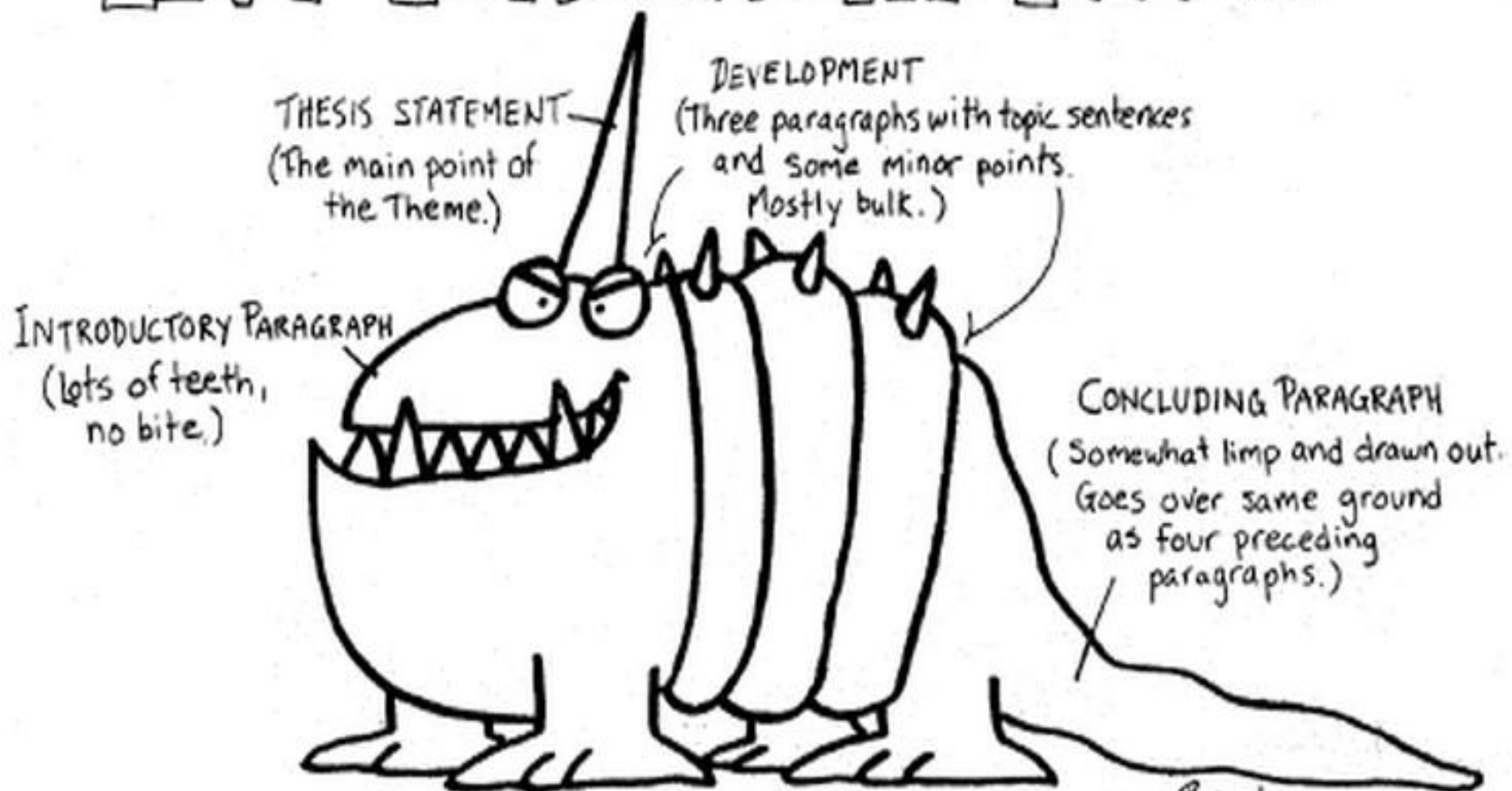


五段式作文架構圖參考

NAME: _____
DATE: _____



The FIVE-PARAGRAPH THEME



Boynton

COLOR: Glossy rose-colored exterior, rather blue underneath.
Occasional theme has a blend, resulting in purple passages.

It looks
just like me,
right?



State

Explain

Example

Draw

PLAN

BREAD BUN

INTRODUCTION

EXPLAIN WHAT I AM TALKING ABOUT-THESIS

REASON 1-GRAPHICS AND DRAWINGS

RED MEAT

REASON 2-DAD

LETTUCE

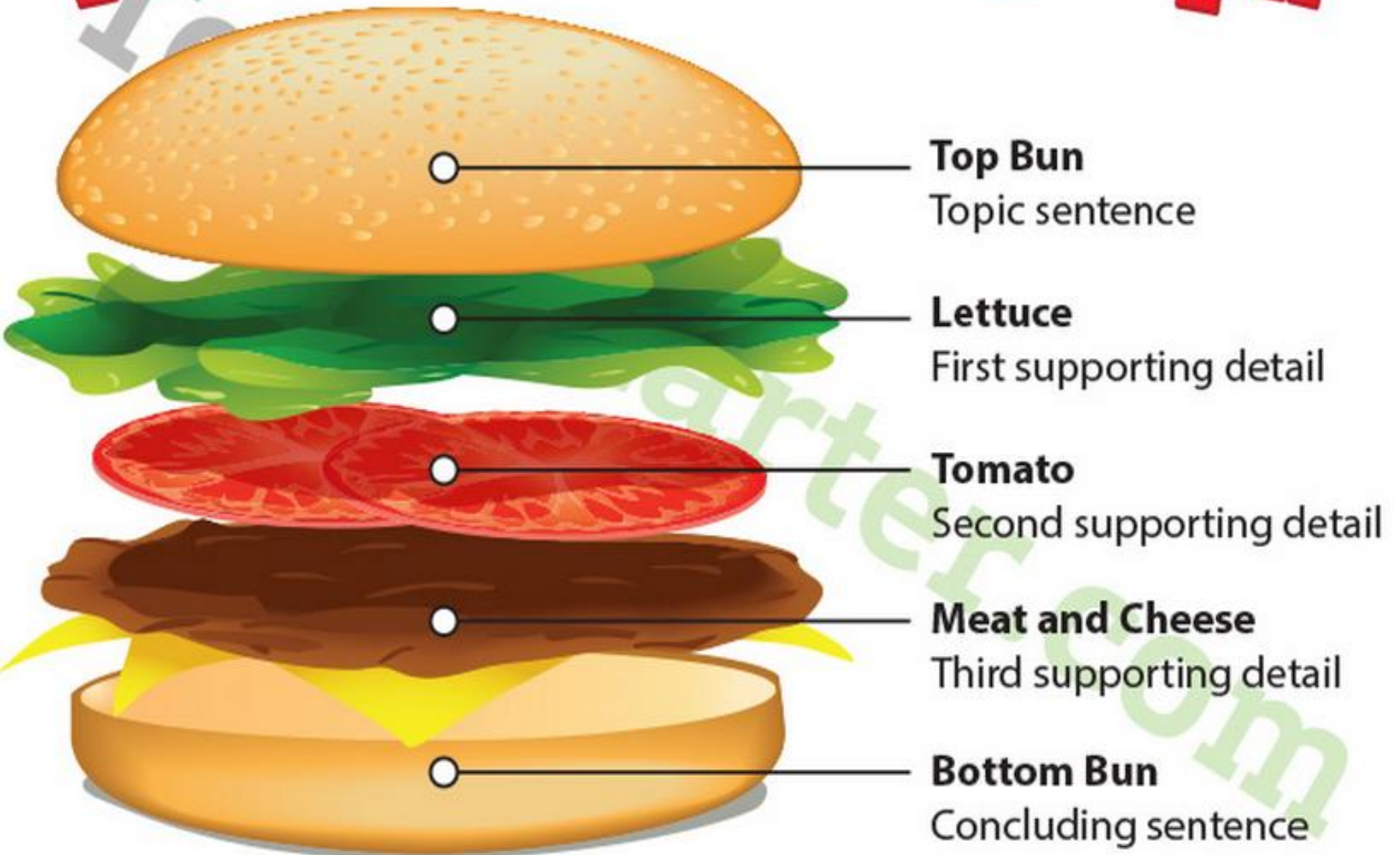
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TOMATOES

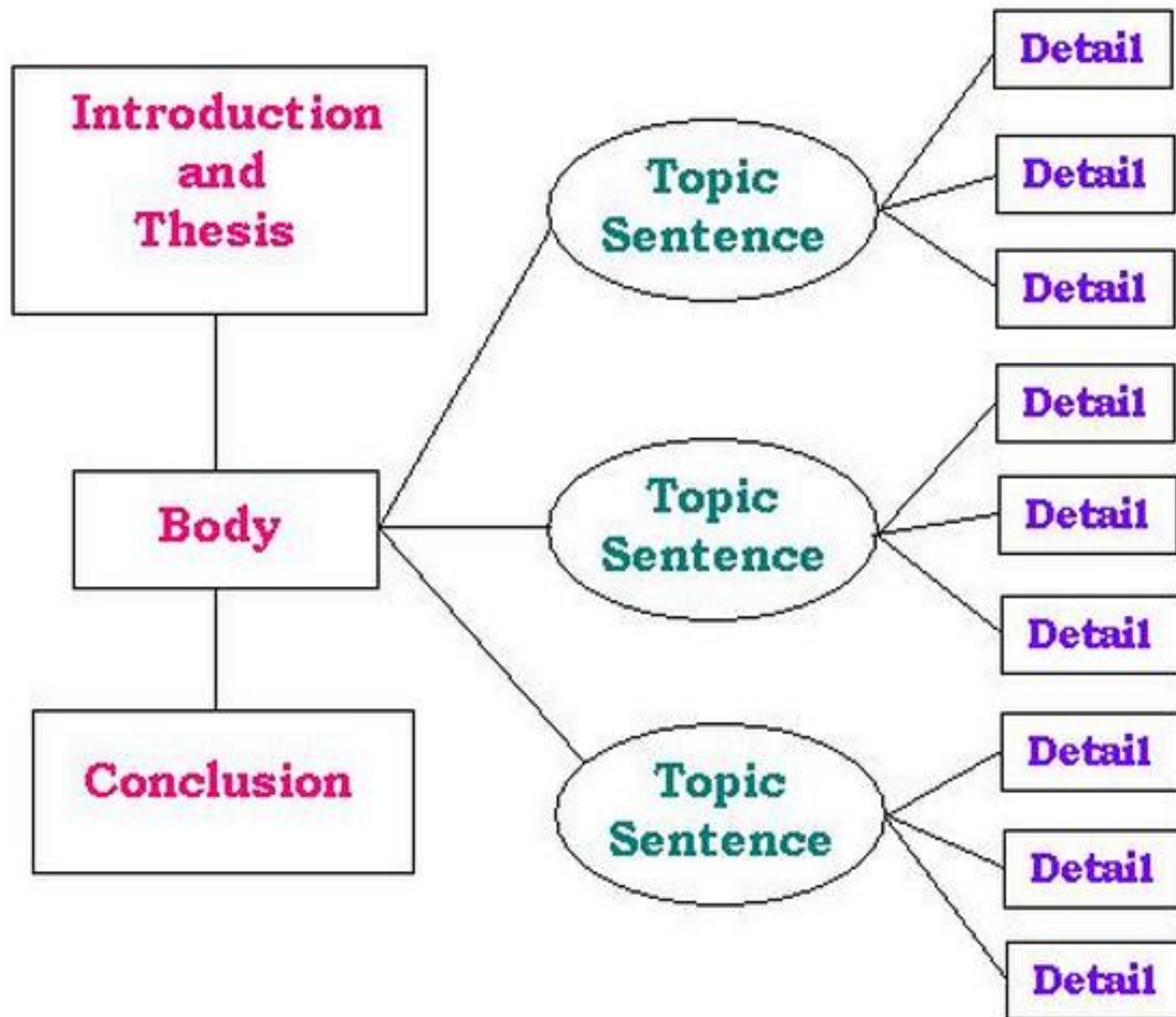
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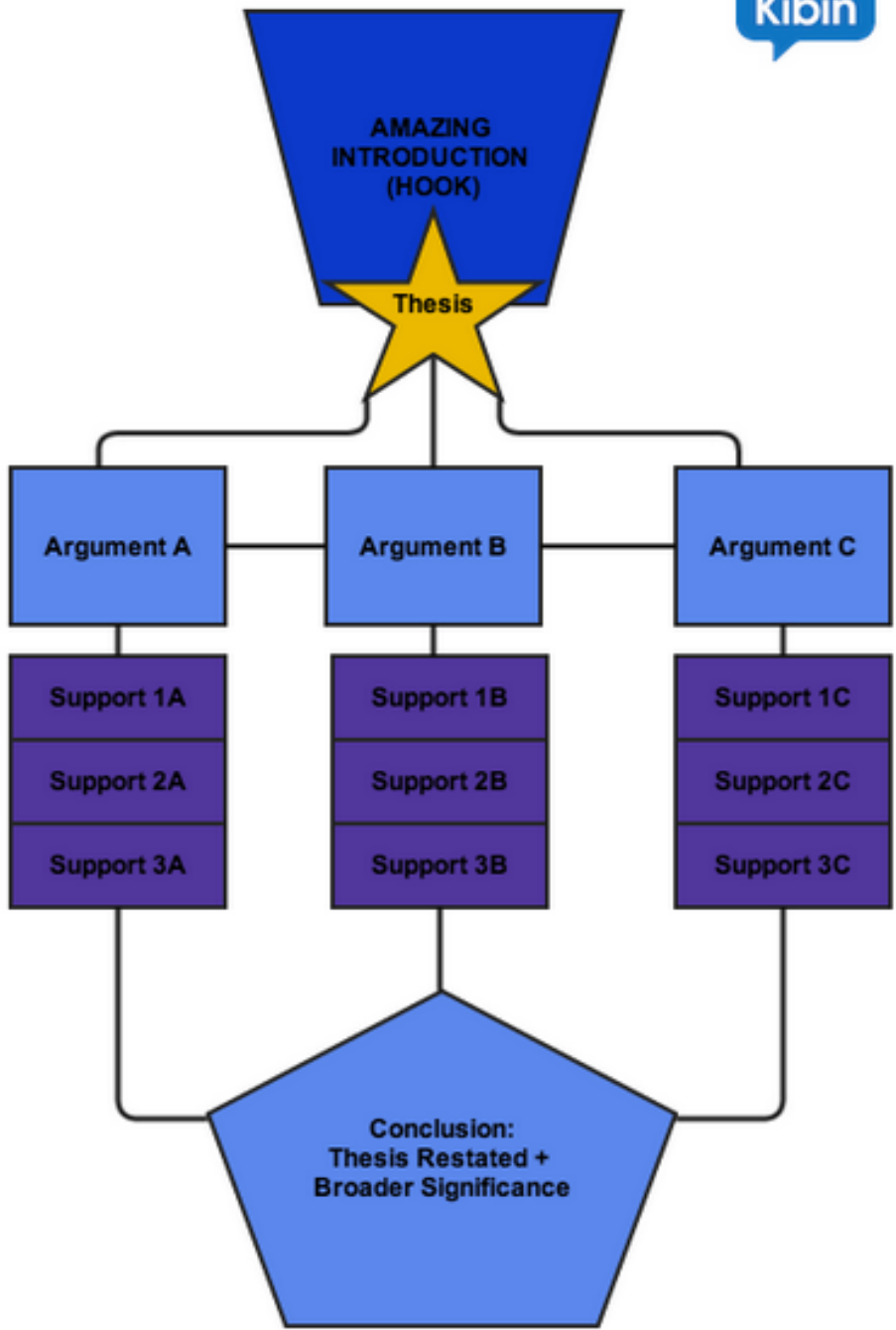
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Parts of a Paragraph



The Five Paragraph Essay





Name

Date

Period

5 Paragraph Essay Outline

Introduction

Thesis

Body Paragraph 1

Body Paragraph 2

Body Paragraph 3

Conclusion

General Introduction

Thesis

First Argument
and Evidence

Second Argument
and Evidence

Third Argument
and Evidence

Review Thesis

Generalize

Where to from here?

Voice your opinion!

- Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?
- People should eat dog meat.
- Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer.

Introductory paragraph :

Thesis :

Yes, I agree with the statement and believe that there is nothing wrong with eating dog meat.

Body:

Argument 1:

Dog meat is a good source of animal protein.

Body:

argument 2:

Many people around the world eat it. It's not about animal cruelty but cultural gap.

Body:

Argument 3:

There shouldn't be different standards. Dogs are just like pigs and chicken, raised for meat.

Conclusion :

Food dogs are not pets. They are just like other animals. They provide nutrients and can be bred inexpensively. I'm all for it.

Thesis statement

- Yes, I agree with the statement and believe that there is nothing wrong with eating dog meat.

Provide examples for your arguments

- **Body**

1. **Dog meat is a good source of animal protein**

- ✓ **Dog meat contains high quality protein.** When dog meat is boiled, its fibers become loose, which is good for digestion. Pork sometimes causes digestive problems, but dog meat doesn't do the human body any harm, and its fat can be digested more easily than beef.
- ✓ **Dog fat contains a lot of unsaturated fatty acid with very little cholesterol,** which is preventive for high blood pressure and other cardiovascular problems.

- **Body**

2. Many people around the world eat it, and it's not about animal cruelty but cultural gap.

- ✓ **People eat dog meat as a survival food in times of war.** Korean and the Chinese consider dog meat a delicacy. It also has some medicinal efficacy if cooked with special herbs.
- ✓ **Dogs have been bred and raised in farms as food dogs, not as pets.** In Vietnam, Africa, China and Korea, it's common to eat dog meat during the winter season. Westerners think it's cruel because they don't understand the culture.

- **Body**

3. There shouldn't be different standards; dogs are just like pigs and chicken, raised for meat.

- ✓ **Hypocritical moral standards** - Yes, In the U.S.-, people get prison terms for what Asians do to dogs and for what Europeans do to horses.- But in India, people also get jailed for what Westerners do to cows.
- ✓ **All animals are being created equal** - If one condemns eating of the meat of one particular animal, one must condemn the eating of the meats of ALL animals.- Those who do not are just a pot calling a kettle black.

眾生平等，所以不要再五十步笑百步啦

Conclusion

- Eating dog meat certainly provides various benefits; it offers better nutritional values and is accepted by many cultures. This is why we should apply the same standards when it comes to animals, and unfortunately, this is obviously not what we are doing now. For those who consider eating dog meat an act of cruelty, they should be aware that the United States alone euthanizes 1.2 million dogs per year, according to the ASPCA. Euthanizing pets means that millions of pounds of meat is being thrown away every year. The simple disposal of these euthanized dogs is an enormous ecological and economic problem, so eating dog meat is the best solution.



什麼是好作文？

SUBSTANCE

OVER STYLE

Reminder 1

- **A longer essay is not necessarily better!** When it comes to good writing, less is more.
- Simplicity is the best.

Reminder 2

1. Don't include frivolous information. 拒絕瑣碎訊息
2. Only use big words that you are familiar with; complex words do not necessarily improve an essay.
拒用難字
3. Use quotations sparingly. 少用俗諺
或是名言

Reminder 3

- **Avoid making elementary/grammatical mistakes.**
Please watch the spelling of simple words and make sure you use the correct form of words in each sentence.
- 避免簡單的文法錯誤

Reminder 4

- An essay could be better if you **varied your vocabulary more** – instead of repeating the same word, you could use a synonym.
- 善用同義字

Reminder 5

- The ways you describe the **arguments** between the reading and the lecture **are not complete enough**. Perhaps you **could include more detail** next time.
- 整合題的內容貧血。主要訊息不足夠，沒有說服力。

Reminder 6

- it was quite hard to understand some of your arguments. Think about what you want to say and clearly lay it out – no need to repeat yourself if you've made yourself clear the first time.
- 清楚的論述說一次就夠了。
- 請先打草稿或想清楚要怎麼表達

Reminder 7

- Just watch that you don't ramble on and on about the same point.
- 贅述只能湊字數，無法提升分數。

Reminder 8

- Do not use hyperbole in writing.
- 不用誇大或是渲染的方式來寫論述
型文章
- *Hyperbole* is an exaggerated or extravagant statement. It does not belong to an argumentative essay.

描述與誇述的分別

Descriptive Adj.

- pouring rain
- disappointing failure
- captivating movie
- large payload
- touching story
- perfect performance

Hyperbole

- relentless rain
- serious failure
- stunning movie
- massive payload
- overwhelming story
- amazing performance

How to write better

- 養成打草稿或是想清楚再寫的習慣
- 馬上切入重點，不要起承轉合
- 絕對不為了湊字數寫空洞的文章
- 模板別濫用
- 句子不要太長
- 寫完後一定要檢查
- 只用最有把握的字詞
- 直接了當的表達方式最有說服力
- 多閱讀參考他人的優美文章，跟著依樣畫葫蘆
- 要有耐心，寫作的實力仰賴長時薰修
- 每周至少精讀一篇文章