

Elements of Essays

After paragraphs have been mastered, the time comes for putting them together. This is called an essay. Most essays follow an easy structure that helps readers follow the ideas given in the writing.

Vocabulary	
Essay	A series of organized paragraphs focused on a topic.
Introduction Paragraph	A paragraph that engages the reader and responds to a prompt or question.
Body Paragraph	A paragraph or paragraphs that gives information that supports the introduction paragraph.
Conclusion Paragraph	A paragraph that summarizes everything covered throughout the essay in a new way.

Introduction Paragraph

There are **three** parts of an *introduction paragraph*:

Hook: A sentence that grabs attention

Bridge: A connecting piece of information.

Thesis: A response to a prompt or question.

Body Paragraph

There are four **parts** of a *body paragraph*:

Topic Sentence

Two Evidence Sentences

Two Elaborations

Closing Sentence

Conclusion Paragraph

There are two parts of a closing paragraph:

Summarizing Statement: A sentence that summarizes the information learned in the body paragraph.

Restated Thesis: A sentence rewording of the introduction paragraph's thesis.

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Introduction Paragraph

Components:

Essay Components

Did you know that over 300 colleges in the United States require an essay in their application? These essays need to be well written in order to be accepted to the college. Luckily, it is easy to learn how to write an effective essay.

Body Paragraph

Components:

There are a few easy steps to follow when writing an effective essay. The first thing an essay needs is a strong introduction paragraph. This is because the introduction will help your reader understand what you are writing about. Another thing that all essays need is a well written conclusion paragraph. This means that your conclusion paragraph should not be a boring repeat or copy of the rest of your essay. Isn't writing an essay easy?

Conclusion Paragraph

Components:

In conclusion, all essays need to have strong introduction and conclusion paragraphs. Once those are mastered, it will be easy to write effective essays!