

Body Paragraphs

In the body paragraphs, the writer provides evidence to support the opinion offered in the thesis statement in the introduction. Each body paragraph is based on a solid reason to back your thesis statement.

*Since almost all issues have sound arguments on both sides of the issue, a good persuasive writer tries to anticipate opposing viewpoints and provide counter-arguments along with the main points in the essay.

The following are different ways to support your argument:

- Facts - A powerful means of convincing. Facts can come from your reading, observation, or personal experience
- Statistics - These can provide excellent support. Be sure your statistics come from reliable sources. Always cite your sources.
- Quotes - Direct quotes from leading experts that support your position are invaluable.
- Examples - Examples enhance your meaning and make your ideas concrete. They are the proof.

Hints for successful body paragraphs:

1. Clarify your position in your topic sentence - state your argument or reason that supports your thesis.
2. Use a combination of facts, statistics, quotes, and examples to support your reason.
3. Include transitions between sentences to serve as cues for the reader (first, then, next, however, consequently, therefor, thus, still, nevertheless, notwithstanding, furthermore, in fact, similarly, instead).