

What is Advanced Text Structure?

Worksheet

Advanced text structure is how ideas are arranged and connected — through a thesis, body paragraphs with topic sentences, clear transitions, and logical flow. It ensures readers follow your reasoning effortlessly.

Questions

1. Which element holds the entire essay together?
 - A) Topic sentences
 - B) Thesis statement
 - C) Transitions
 - D) Evidence
2. What is the purpose of a transition?
 - A) Make sentences longer
 - B) Link ideas and show relationships
 - C) Add vocabulary
 - D) End paragraphs
3. A paragraph with many claims but no topic sentence...
 - A) Is acceptable if evidence is strong
 - B) Lacks coherence and focus
 - C) Saves space
 - D) Is more engaging
4. Where does a conclusion typically restate the thesis?
 - A) First sentence
 - B) Middle
 - C) Last paragraph, in fresh language
 - D) Not at all
5. Rewrite this loose paragraph with clear topic sentence and transitions: 'Climate change affects many things. Animals move. Ice melts. Storms get worse.'
6. An essay on 'social media impact' has Introduction, Body1 (addiction), Body2 (mental health), Body3 (connection). Is the order logical?
7. A conclusion starts with 'In conclusion, we have discussed...' Is this strong?
8. Define: What is a thesis statement?
9. Define: What are transitions in writing?
10. Define: What is a topic sentence?

Answer Key

1. B) Thesis statement — The thesis is the anchor—every paragraph should support or develop it.
2. B) Link ideas and show relationships — Transitions like 'Therefore,' 'However,' and 'Moreover' guide readers through your logic.
3. B) Lacks coherence and focus — Without a topic sentence, readers won't know how the details relate to the main idea.
4. C) Last paragraph, in fresh language — Restating it freshly in the conclusion reminds readers of your main argument with new depth.
5. Identify main idea: climate impacts ecosystems & weather. Write topic sentence: 'Climate change disrupts ecosystems and intensifies extreme weather.' Add transitions: 'First, habitat loss forces animal migration. Second, melting ice accelerates sea-level rise. Third, warmer oceans fuel stronger storms.' Revised paragraph flows logically.
6. Check flow: addiction → mental health → connection. Better order: addiction (cause) → mental health (effect) → connection (counterpoint/balance). Yes, logical—moves from individual harm to broader perspective.
7. Weak—just recaps. A strong conclusion restates thesis freshly, connects to broader context. Revise: 'While social media connects billions, unchecked use fragments genuine relationships—a trade-off society must balance.' Now it synthesizes and provokes thought.
8. A single sentence that states the main argument or claim of the entire text.
9. Words or phrases (e.g., 'Furthermore,' 'However') that link ideas and show logical relationships.
10. The opening sentence of a paragraph that states its main idea and links to the thesis.

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