

Patterns of Development

Since your research project is a casual analysis, you will use the cause and effect pattern to some extent. While this does not mean that all of your paragraphs will follow this pattern, you still need practice.

OBJECTIVES

1. Read assignments 2, 3, and 4 on page 412 of the *Longman Writer*.
2. Select one of the situations (*flunking out*, *the trash crisis*, or *Turn off the TV*) and follow the directions given in the book.
3. Submit a minimum of five well-developed paragraphs. Remember that a strong paragraph has a topic sentence, at least three supporting sentences, and a conclusion sentence. Remember to avoid excessive passive verbs. You are allowed only two passive verbs per paragraph.

Also remember you need strong transitions between all paragraphs. They all must contain relevant, supportive statements linking them together as a cohesive unit.

4. Skip every other line while writing out your final draft.
5. due tonight, end of class:
 - 5 paragraphs

Check List

Before you submit the assignment, proof your work.

- Do you show the relationship between the cause(s) and the effect(s)?
If necessary compare your work with pages 381-386 in the *Longman Writer*.

- Is your language and tone appropriate for the chosen audience?

- Did you include a thesis statement which communicates a main point accurately?
- Does the thesis statement express your opinion?

- Check your paragraphs:
 - Is the organizational strategy logical?
 - Do the 5 paragraphs back up the intentions of your thesis?
 - Do your opening topic sentences limit the subject/theme of your paragraphs?
 - Do your sentences contain any spelling or grammatical errors?
 - Are your sentences complete?
 - Did you use a minimum of two passive verbs per paragraph?
 - Do the sentences flow naturally with transitions and contain a logical sequence?
 - Do the paragraphs flow naturally between each other?