

From Paragraph to Essay

INTRODUCTIONS AND CONCLUSIONS

In this page, we will learn about ...

- the purpose of an introduction.
- types of information in introductions.
- the purpose of a conclusion.
- techniques for writing conclusions.

The importance of introductions and conclusions

In the earlier pages we learnt that the introduction and the conclusion are two of the three main parts of an essay. Without an introduction and a conclusion, an essay is just a group of paragraphs. The introduction and the conclusion work together to make the topic and main ideas of the essay clear to the reader.

The introduction

What is an introduction?

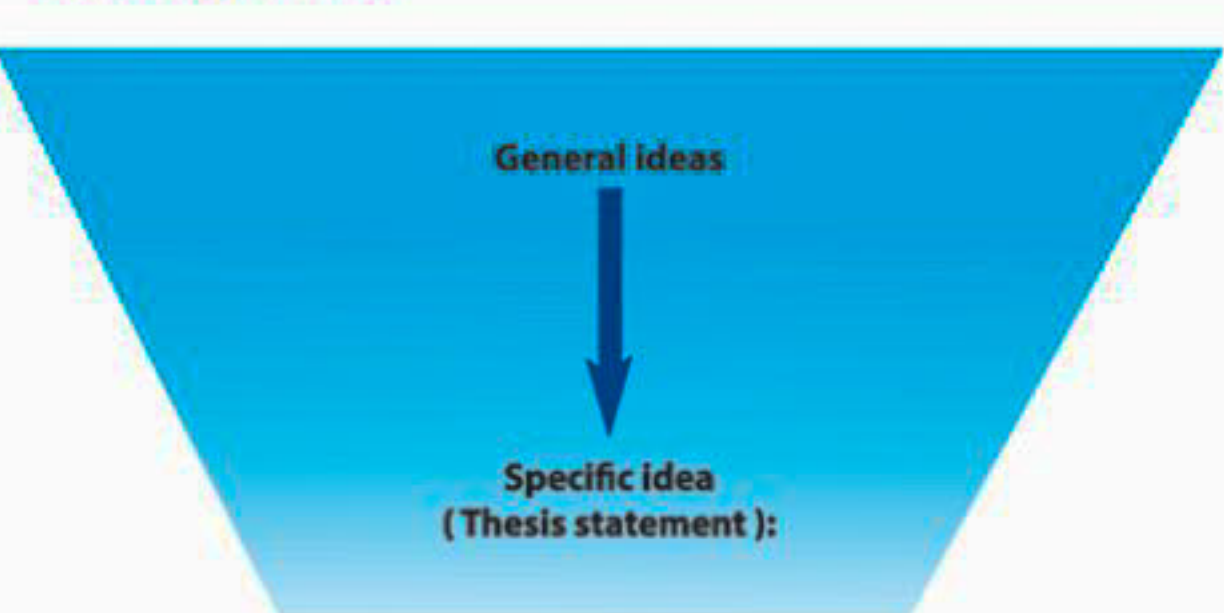
The first paragraph of an essay is called the introduction.



The introduction ...

- is usually five to ten sentences.
- catches the reader's interest.
- gives the general topic of the essay.
- gives background information about the topic.
- states the main point (the thesis statement) of the essay.

The introduction is often organized by giving the most general ideas first and then leading to the most specific idea, which is the thesis statement, like this:



1 READ THE FOLLOWING INTRODUCTION.

If you ask average Americans where their language comes from, they will probably say "England." However, English vocabulary has also been influenced by other countries and groups of people. Some words are borrowed from other languages, such as typhoon, which originally came from the Chinese word "tai-fung," meaning "big wind." Skunk, the name of a small, smelly, black-and-white animal, came to English from a Native American language. African Americans, too, have both contributed new words to English and changed the meanings of some existing words.



Complete this diagram.



How to write a strong introduction

A strong introduction...

- introduces the topic clearly.
- gives several sentences of information about the topic.
- states the thesis (the main idea) of the essay.

Any of the following will make an introduction weak:

- It doesn't give enough information about the topic or gives too much information about it.
- It talks about too many different topics.
- It does not state a clear thesis.

How to make an introduction interesting

To make an introductory paragraph interesting for the reader, you can include...

- interesting facts or statistics.
- a personal story or example.
- an interesting quotation.

The conclusion

The importance of a conclusion
The conclusion is the final paragraph of the essay.
A good concluding paragraph ...

- summarises the main points of the essay.
- restates the thesis (using different words).
- makes a final comment about the essay's main idea.
- may emphasise an action that you would like the reader to take.

Don't introduce new ideas in a conclusion. A conclusion only restates or gives further commentary on ideas discussed in the essay.

Find the answers in next MONDAY issue

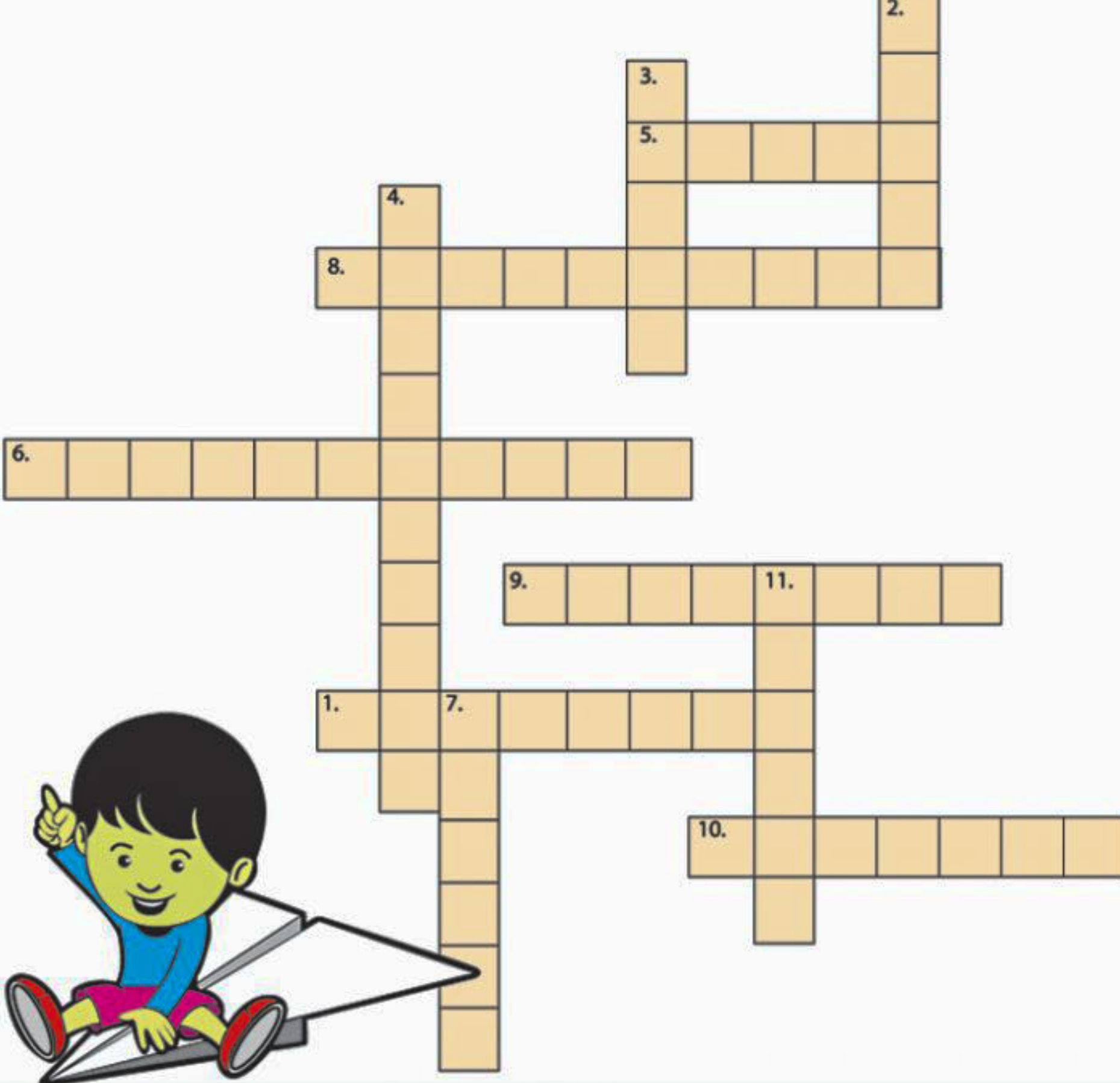


3 COMPLETE THE CROSSWORD

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A strong introduction catches the reader's i__ (1). It can do this by including interesting f__ (2) a personal s__ (3) or an interesting q__ (4). It also gives the general t__ (5) of the essay, several sentences of i__ (6) about the topic, and states the t__ (7).

A conclusion s__ (8) the main points of the essay. It also r__ (9) the thesis, makes a final c__ (10) about the essay's main idea, and it may emphasise an a__ (11) for the reader to take.



2 MATCH EACH OF THESE INTRODUCTION THESIS STATEMENTS WITH ITS REWRITTEN VERSION FOR A CONCLUSION.

a.	Supermarkets are the best places to buy food because of their convenience and lower prices.	1.	People can learn many things by traveling to other countries.
b.	Traveling abroad is a valuable learning experience.	2.	Despite the challenges, being an entrepreneur can offer more benefits than other types of employment.
c.	Learning to play a musical instrument is very beneficial for children.	3.	The fact that larger grocery stores offer cheap prices and a large selection of products makes them the best place for shoppers.
d.	Creating and owning a business offers more advantages than working as an employee in a company.	4.	The World Wide Web gives access to a huge amount of knowledge, but users shouldn't believe everything they read there.
e.	More houses should be adapted to use solar energy because it is clean and renewable.	5.	When children are exposed to music and are taught to play instruments such as the piano or violin, there are many positive effects.
f.	The World Wide Web can be very useful for research, but it also contains a lot of incorrect information.	6.	The sun gives a constant, free supply of clean energy, which more homes should take advantage of.

ANSWER KEY TO THE LAST EIS PAGE ACTIVITIES (DATED FEBRUARY 05, 2018)



1. Read the outline for the essay - Must Save Our World!
Answer the questions.
1. a. To take care of our world we need to focus on the sources of environmental pollution like air, water and soil pollution and find possible solutions. (one possible thesis statement)
b. 3 c. 2 - Places where it can occur, and Causes of water pollution
d. 7 - Industrial waste, Household wastes, Agricultural pesticides, Fuel leakages, Natural fertilizers, cling, Re-forestation

Don't Support Nuclear Energy!
Check your answers
1. What will be the thesis statement of the essay?
Nuclear power is not a good source of energy for the world.
2. How many body paragraphs will the essay have?
It will have three body paragraphs.
3. How many supporting points will the third paragraph have?
What will they be?
The third paragraph will have two supporting points: Nuclear fuels are dangerous and Nuclear waste products are dangerous.
4. How many details will the fourth paragraph have? What will they be?
There will be ten details in the fourth paragraph:
Three Mile Island, U.S.A. (1979); Tarapura, India (1992); Darlington, Canada (1992); Sellafield, England (2005); Chernobyl, U.S.S.R. (1986); Kola, Russia (1991); Tokaimura, Japan (1999); Asco, Spain (2007-2008); Earthquake: Kozloduy, Bulgaria (1997); Tornado: Moruroa, the Pacific (1981)

Classroom activity:
a. S b. M c. S d. S e. M f. S g. S h. S i. S j. T k. S l. C m. M
2. I. Practising yoga regularly can be good for your mind, your body, and your emotions.
II. Mental benefits
A. Develops clear thinking
B. Improves concentration
III. Physical benefits
A. Improves blood circulation
B. Improves digestion
C. Makes you strong and flexible
IV. Emotional benefits
A. Reduces fear, anger, worry
B. Helps you feel calm and peaceful
C. Develops self-confidence
V. Therefore, to build mental, physical, and emotional health, consider practising yoga.