



Chapter 6 Exercises

Lesson 6.1: The Writing Process for Paragraphs

- Which stage of the writing process involves rereading your draft and checking for incorrect spelling?
 - Submitting
 - Revising
 - Drafting
 - Pre-writing
 - Editing
- Which term matches this definition?

A stage of writing that involves making decisions, planning ideas, and identifying assignment guidelines

 - Drafting
 - Revising
 - Submitting
 - Editing
 - Pre-writing
- Identify the two true statements about the academic writing process.
 - The first step of the academic writing process is revising.
 - The third step of the academic writing process is revising.
 - The fifth and final step of the academic writing process is submitting.
 - The second step of the academic writing process is submitting.
- Identify two steps of the drafting stage.
 - Start putting your ideas into words.
 - Decide what to write about.
 - Don't worry about perfect spelling.
 - Identify assignment guidelines.
- Identify two steps of the revising stage.
 - Improve the sentence organization.
 - Format the paragraph to be printed.
 - Share your work with your audience.
 - Add relevant content.

Lesson 6.2: Choosing a Topic and Scope for a Paragraph

6. What is mind mapping?
- A strategy for exploring and developing ideas
 - A strategy that involves writing down any ideas that come to mind
 - A strategy for making visual connections among topics
7. If an assignment prompt requires you to discuss a topic, what should be your primary goal?
- Look at different opinions or ideas about a topic.
 - Recount a personal experience with a topic.
 - Explain the overall point of a topic.
 - Give reasons to support a topic.
8. For the general topic of animals, identify two narrowed topics most appropriate for an audience of fourth-graders.
- Farming and the abuse of animals
 - The process of slaughtering cattle
 - The benefits of growing up with a dog
 - How to take care of a goldfish
9. In this writing prompt, identify the two sentences that indicate the assignment's purpose.
- What are the three most significant issues for presidential candidates to address, and why? Construct a compelling argument to support your answer. Your essay should be one page long and submitted no later than next Tuesday.
10. In this writing prompt, identify the two sentences that indicate the assignment's constraints.
- Summarize one of the novels covered in class this semester. Your paragraph should be at least 800 words. It is due in one week. Use MLA style to cite the book you summarize. Include a work-cited page.

Lesson 6.3: Writing a Topic Sentence

11. Which statement about topic sentences is true?
- A topic sentence should avoid making a strong claim.
 - A narrowed topic should always be vague.
 - An informative topic sentence will share specific information.
12. Identify a characteristic of a strong topic sentence.
- It quotes the opinion of an expert.
 - It contradicts the controlling idea.
 - It uses direct language.

13. Identify the topic sentence of the following passage.

Space telescopes have provided us with new ways of viewing and understanding the universe. The Spitzer Space Telescope used infrared light to detect a large cluster of galaxies 8.5 billion light-years from Earth. The GALEX space telescope used ultraviolet light to see that the wandering red giant star, Mira, was shedding mass as it sped through the Milky Way. The Chandra space telescope helped to determine that a black hole is being tossed out of two colliding galaxies.

14. Identify the strongest topic sentence.

- What is the most beautiful mountain range in the United States?
- Because of their natural beauty and cultural heritage, the Appalachian Mountains are a great place to visit.
- The Appalachian Mountains are a decent place to spend your vacation.

15. Identify the controlling idea of this topic sentence.

Influential lobbyists who work for corporate interests exert too much influence on politics in the United States.

Lesson 6.4: Choosing an Organizational Pattern

16. Which organizational pattern is best for a paragraph about the differences between Spanish and Portuguese?

- Compare and contrast
- Spatial
- Chronological
- Cause and effect

17. Which organizational pattern is best for a paragraph that describes the visual landscape of red sandstone formations in Valley of Fire State Park in Nevada?

- Order of importance
- Spatial
- Cause and effect
- Order of importance

18. Identify the organizational pattern of this outline.

1. Very important point
2. Somewhat important point
3. Less important point

- Compare and contrast
- Order of importance
- Chronological
- Cause and effect

19. Which organizational pattern does this passage use?

There are three types of clouds that often appear in the sky. Stratocumulus clouds can be gray or white and often look like groups or waves of many smaller clouds. Cumulonimbus clouds are dense, heavy-looking, and look like towers. Nimbostratus clouds are usually gray and appear most often during rain. These are just a few of the different types of clouds in the Earth's atmosphere.

- Chronological
 - Order of importance
 - Topical
 - Cause and effect
 - Spatial
20. Which organizational pattern is best for a paragraph on factors that caused the Cold War?
- Order of importance
 - Cause and effect
 - Spatial
 - Compare and contrast

Lesson 6.5: Drafting a Paragraph

21. Identify the two true statements about paragraphs.

- The main points of your draft are determined by your organizational pattern.
- The concluding sentence should be identical to the topic sentence.
- Topic sentences review the ideas you discussed in the previous paragraph.
- Writing a first draft is not about perfecting your grammar and spelling.

22. The sentences in this paragraph are out of order. Identify the best option for a concluding sentence.

Climate change has affected the migratory patterns of birds. Many swallow species aren't traveling as far north to breed as they once did. Warmer temperatures around the globe have affected birds' migratory habits and entire ecosystems, raising concern among scientists and environmentalists alike. Additionally, many hummingbird species aren't traveling as far south during the winter.

23. Identify the transition phrase that does *not* accurately indicate the relationship between the two ideas.

During the pre-season, Jamil ran every day and lifted weights; as a result, he still wasn't in shape for team tryouts.

24. The sentences in this paragraph are out of order. Identify the best option for a topic sentence.

Enkidu lives a wild and uncivilized life in the forest; Gilgamesh lives and travels through the cities of men. Although the gods create Enkidu as Gilgamesh's equal, the two beings live vastly different lives that are at odds with their typical habitats. Although Gilgamesh lives in the "civilized" world, he behaves wildly, taking children from their parents and carousing. In contrast, Enkidu lives innocently in the forest.

25. Identify the support sentences in this passage.

Mary Lincoln's sad childhood contributed to her narcissism and paranoia. When Mary was six, her mother died from childbirth complications. Six months later, Mary's father, Robert Todd, remarried. Gaining a new stepmother, as well as losing her own mother and a baby brother, affected Mary deeply. These disturbing events left a permanent imprint on young Mary's life.

Lesson 6.6: Revising and Editing a Paragraph

26. Which step is part of the revision stage?

- Proofreading for grammar issues
- Reorganizing ideas
- Fixing spelling issues

27. In this passage, which sentence should be revised for focus?

There are many factors that can cause nausea. One of the most common causes of nausea is a reaction to something that has been ingested. Nausea can last for a long time or only a few seconds. Other typical causes include pregnancy, dehydration, liver disease, and migraines. These causes can sometimes be treated with simple remedies.

28. In the following passage, which sentence should be revised for development?

There are numerous benefits of playing chess. Primarily, because the rules and strategies require using both sides of the brain, players often increase their overall brain functionality. Improved memory is another benefit of playing chess. Last, because the game demands an awareness of detail, playing the game sharpens the player's ability to recognize detail in everyday life.

29. Identify two effective revision strategies.

- Take frequent breaks.
- Ignore feedback or criticism.
- Make changes in small steps.

30. Identify the true statement about revising and editing a paragraph.

- Saving multiple drafts helps you perceive improvements in your writing.
- You should try to revise your work all at once.
- Your ideas should already be fully developed once you get to the revision stage.

Lesson 6.7: Submitting a Paragraph

31. Which step is part of the submitting stage of writing?

- Choosing an organizational pattern
- Writing a topic sentence
- Printing or uploading your work
- Deciding on a purpose

32. Which term matches this definition?

The style and arrangement of a text

- Format
- Page margin
- Font

33. Identify two effective strategies for submitting a paragraph.

- Post a copy of the paragraph to Twitter to prove you finished it on time.
- Email the paragraph to yourself to ensure there aren't problems with opening the file.
- Check the assignment guidelines for the correct file format.

34. Identify the two best formatting choices for an app focused on nutrition, muscle development, and fun ways to exercise that is aimed at elementary school-aged children.

- Large, bold headings in bright colors
- Illustrations of popular video game characters exercising
- A video of a clinical dietitian explaining the metabolism

35. Identify a step in the submitting stage of the academic writing process.

- Focus on any spelling issues in the draft.
- Check the paragraph's page margins and font size.
- Choose the paragraph's purpose and main idea.