





# Power Up: English ACT Prep Week 6

Topic Development and Organization





# Essential Question

How can I increase my ACT score?



# Learning Objectives

- Determine the appropriate transition word to use in a sentence.
- Identify how thesis statements, claims, pieces of evidence, and statements of reasoning play a role in the structure of a passage, paragraph, or an essay.
- Apply understanding of transition words and roles of sentences to order paragraphs in an essay accurately.

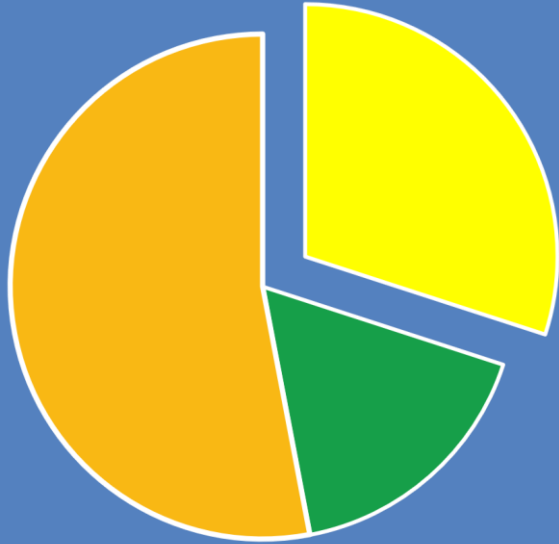
# I Notice, I Wonder

Review the basic structure and complete the handout.

- What do you *Notice* about the structure of this essay?
- What do you *Wonder* about the structure of this essay?



# Why Does Writing Matter?



- Production of Writing
- Knowledge of Language
- Conventions of Standard English

## Production of Writing:

- *Topic Development*
- *Organization*

# Skill Sets Check

- Transition Words and Sentences:
  - These help connect one idea to the next and help with the logical flow of a text.
- Parts of a Paragraph
  - What is the role of the sentence?

*Leave the Examples column (right column) blank for now.*

# Production of Writing Activity

- Go to [k20.ou.edu/production-of-writing](https://k20.ou.edu/production-of-writing).
- Or scan the QR code:



*Read the table of contents then click the “Begin” button.*



# Add Transitions | Page 1/2

## Directions

- Complete the fill-in-the-blank with the appropriate transition word or phrase.
  - Use your Skill Sets Check handout as a guide.
- Answer the inference questions.

## Discussion

- What do you think the main idea or focus of the full essay might be?

Select the best word from each column to fill in the blank.

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# Parts of a Paragraph | Page 2/2

## Directions

- Read the paragraph.
- Identify the role of each sentence:
  - Claim
  - Evidence
  - Reasoning

## Discussion

- Why do you think it is important to identify the role of a sentence?

# Sort the Essay | The Great Gatsby

## Directions

- Rearrange the essay according to clarity and organization.

## Discussion

- For the sake of logic, which paragraph is the introduction?
- How did you know?

# Test Tip - The “Box” Questions

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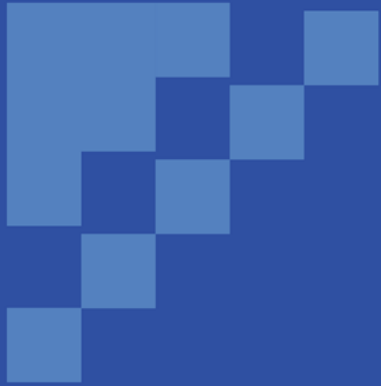
- The “Box” question is about choosing the best answer that is consistent with what is already present in the passage.
  - For example, notice how other sentences are formatted or worded in that section and choose the answer that matches their same structure.

# Test Tip - The “Box” Questions

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- Select the option that continues to develop the main idea already established and continues the flow of the passage.
  - For example, if the passage is about the dangers of bungee jumping and the extra paragraph or sentence is about boating accidents, then it might not connect completely to the passage unless the topic is about “dangers of extreme sports.”



# You Powered Up!

Side Quest: Fill in the “examples” column of your Skill Sets Check handout by listening to a conversation and identifying the various parts of the essay.

Sneak Peek: Next time we will learn about pacing and how to annotate the test.

