

Making a Point in Writing

5th Grade

Claim, evidence, explanation — the three-part move in a good paragraph.

Every body paragraph makes one point and proves it. Three moves, in this order.

CLAIM

1

State your point in one sentence. No evidence yet.

EVIDENCE

2

A quotation or fact that supports it. Keep it short.

EXPLANATION

3

Two sentences on why that evidence proves the claim.

LINK

4

Tie it back to the question before moving on.

SENTENCE STARTERS

"This shows that..." · "This suggests..."

"The writer chose this word because..."

The explanation should be longer than the evidence. Most students get that backwards.