

Basic Elements of an Essay

1. Introduction:

- Catchy language (Word Choice, Imagery, Literary Devices etc)
- Reason/ purpose (Ideas, Voice, Informative, Descriptive, Narrative or Persuasive)
- Preview of sections coming up. (What are you going to write about?)

2. The Body of an Essay:

- Contains three or four sections, divided into paragraphs. (Organization)
- Each paragraph deals with one topic. (Ideas)

Paragraphs

- First sentence contains the *topic sentence*, which supports the main idea of the essay
- The following sentences contain main points you're making about that topic (Vary Sentence Fluency e.g., length and style)
- Other sentences support those main points with examples, explanations, etc. (Who, what, where, when, how, etc)

3. Conclusion:

- Looks back on the purpose of the essay
- Restate key points
- Ending statement that makes you think (e.g., End with an interesting question)
- Include a brief summary of your main points
- Suggest results or consequences
- Use a quotation

***Remember to edit for conventions (punctuation, spelling and grammar)**

***Presentation of work: How can I make my writing more verbally and visually attractive?**