

## Body Paragraphs

Each body paragraph is built around a different idea. While each body paragraph contains a different idea, how a student writes them is formulaic.

When writing a body paragraph, remember the **PEEL** acronym and you will include everything required to get full marks.

Step1: **Point**-> This is your topic sentence and the main idea of the paragraph. Every sentence that follows in the body paragraph must be related to this idea.

Step 2: **Example**-> Provide an example to support your topic sentence (usually from an assigned text).

Step 3: **Explain**-> Explain your analysis. Explain to the reader why the example is important. You are answering the question “So What?”

**Note:** After an example, it is imperative that the student explains why the example is important. Failure to do so will result in a low mark for that paragraph.

Step 4: **Link**-> Connect the body paragraph to your thesis. This reminds the reader of what your thesis is, and how they are related. Finally, link the body paragraph to the next paragraph with a transition sentence.

**Note:** While PEEL is effective for an assignment that is 1-2 pages long, the writer may have to apply PEEEEEL (Point, Example 1, Explain 1, Example 2, Explain 2, Link) to an assignment that is 3-4 pages long or PEEEEEEEL (Point, Example 1, Explain 1, Example 2, Explain 2, Example 3, Explain 3, Link) to an assignment that is 5-10 pages long.