

Time Transitions

Initially,
Then,
Next,
At last,

In the morning,
Around noontime,
In the afternoon,
In the evening,
At midnight,

Before dawn,
Before noon,
After noon,
That night,

First,
Second,
Third,
Finally,

Yesterday,
Today,
Tomorrow,
The day after tomorrow

That day,
The next day,
The following day,

One day,
The next week,
Two weeks later,
A month later,

At the beginning of
In the middle of
At the end of
In the intervening time,

Meanwhile,
Simultaneously,
At the same time,

Previously,
Now,
Soon,
Then,
Later on,

In the past,
Presently,
In the present,
In the future,

Last month,
This month,
Next month,
In the next six months,

Last year,
This year,
Next year,
In the coming years,

The first
The next
A more recent
The most recent
By that time,

Immediately,
Quickly,
In that moment,
In that instant,

The previous day,
The next day,
The following day,

The previous week,
The following week,
The week after that,

By this time,
After a short time,
After a while longer,

Before
During
After
Afterwards

While
Once
Whenever
As soon as

The earliest
The next earliest
More recently
The most recent

Story Parts

Title

Introduction

- **Introductory Paragraph**

Body

- **Rising-Action Paragraph**
- **Climax Paragraph**
- **Falling-Action Paragraph**

Conclusion

- **Concluding Paragraph**

Sentences in the Introductory Paragraph

Topic Sentence

Setting Detail Sentences

Lead-Off Sentence

Follow-Up Sentence(s)

Character Detail Sentences

Lead-Off Sentence

Follow-Up Sentence(s)

Beginning Event Sentences

Lead-Off Sentence

Follow-Up Sentence(s)

(and/or a Thesis Statement)

Example

Introductory Paragraph

A Surprise Package!

At 9 years old, I wanted my own dog. Four years ago, my 14-year-old brother, Jesse, had asked for and received a dog for his 10th birthday. His dog, Sophie, was a beautiful Golden Retriever. Every day, Jesse and Sophie spent a lot of time together in our house and playing outside. Although I loved Sophie, I wanted a dog for myself. I wanted a dog to sleep with me and play with me. As a result, I started a campaign to convince my parents to give me a dog. I put pressure on my mom and dad to give me a dog for my 10th birthday by talking to them, showing them pictures, and enlisting my brother's help.

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STORY-PLANNING DIAGRAM

Sequence		P.O.V	Tense
Linking		1	Present

Topic		Title	
My dog story	A Surprise Package		

Characters	
Protagonist:	Me
Antagonist:	My dad
Others:	My brother
	My mom
	Sophie

Setting	
	Our home & yard
	Pet store

Introductory Paragraph	
1	I wanted a dog
	Time/Linking
1	My brother got a dog
3	I want my own dog
2	Sophie is fun
4	10th Birthday present for me

Problem/Conflict	
	Dad doesn't want a dog

Climax	
3	My 10th birthday
4	My campaign

Crisis	
	No dog

Decision	
	Keep asking

Meaning/Theme	
	Keep trying even when things look bad

Ending	
	I got a surprise!

Rising-Action Paragraph	
2	Asking for a dog
	Sequence Time
1	Dad said, "No"
2	Mom said, "Maybe"
4	Fluffy & white
3	showed pictures
5	Asked brother for help

Climax Paragraph	
3	My 10th birthday
	Sequence Time
1	Nice gifts
2	No dog
3	Crying
4	Parents Sorry
5	I won't give up

Falling-Action Paragraph	
4	My campaign
	Sequence Time
1	Made promises
2	Extra Chores
3	Begged
4	Cared for Sophie

Concluding Paragraph	
5	Christmas
	Sequence Time
1	Opened presents
2	No dog
3	One more gift
4	Jesse brought puppy
5	Blaze is my dog

Sentences in the Rising-Action Paragraph

**Topic Transition Sentence
(Follow-up Sentence)**

**Detail Sentences about Event 1
Lead-Off Sentence
Follow-Up Sentence(s)**

**Detail Sentences about Event 2
Lead-Off Sentence
Follow-Up Sentence(s)**

**Detail Sentences about Event 3
Lead-Off Sentence
Follow-Up Sentence(s)**

**(Include the problem & build
suspense)**

Topic/Transition Sentence for Rising-Action Paragraphs

- Is a type of Topic Sentence
- Connects the new paragraph to the previous paragraph with a transition
- Introduces the first event in the Rising Action
- Mentions the topic in some way
- Mentions a previously named character in some way

Examples:

- Later in the evening, my friends and I gathered to talk about the bully in our school.
- Once we had worked out, Lamont and I took some time to check our messages and then to plan how to improve our team.
- The next day, I gave Samona a surprise visit; I wanted to show her the problems with our project.

Example

Rising-Action Paragraph

Each week, I asked my parents to give me a dog. Immediately, I knew that they were not happy about another dog. My dad kept saying things like, “No, we don’t need another dog!”, “One dog is enough!,” and “Dogs are too expensive!” My mom loves dogs, but she kept saying, “We’ll see.” When we went to the pet store, I showed my mom a picture of a dog, and I asked her to get that dog for me. It was a fluffy white dog, small enough to hold on my lap. I wanted an inexpensive dog that would not eat very much. Then I asked my brother to convince my parents to give me a dog. He started telling them to give me a dog.

Sentences in the Climax Paragraph

**Climax Transition Sentence
(Follow-Up Detail Sentence(s)
about the crisis)**

**Detail Sentences about Event 1
Lead-Off Sentence
Follow-Up Sentence(s)**

**Detail Sentences about Event 2
Lead-Off Sentence
Follow-Up Sentence(s)**

**Detail Sentences about Event 3
Lead-Off Sentence
Follow-Up Sentence(s)**

(Include the crisis and the decision)

Climax Transition Sentence for Climax Paragraphs

- Is a type of Topic Sentence
- Connects the new paragraph to the previous paragraph with a transition
- Introduces or leads into the crisis
(Does not have to mention the actual crisis, which can come later in the paragraph)
- Mentions the topic in some way
- Mentions a key character in some way

Examples:

- After the game, my friend Elijah started to act crazy about the latest loss.
- As I surfaced the water, I noticed that Henry was coughing and sputtering uncontrollably.
- When I saw her next, Carmen had added a new wrinkle to the problem; she had dyed her hair a frightening color.

Example

Climax Paragraph

On my 10th birthday, I was at first excited and then depressed. When it was time to open my presents, I got some video games and clothes. They were all very nice gifts. However, I did not get a dog. I started to cry about not getting a dog; I was so sad. When he saw my tears, my dad said, “I’m sorry, but we aren’t going to have another dog!” My mom hugged me and looked sad. After a few days, I decided to continue to ask for a dog. I didn’t want to give up. I said, “Mom and Dad, I still want a dog! I’m not giving up!”

Sentences in the Falling-Action

**Topic Transition Sentence
(Follow-Up Sentence)**

**Detail Sentences about Event 1
Lead-Off Sentence
Follow-Up Sentence(s)**

**Detail Sentences about Event 2
Lead-Off Sentence
Follow-Up Sentence(s)**

**Detail Sentences about Event 3
Lead-Off Sentence
Follow-Up Sentence(s)**

(Include the actions that solve the problem)

Topic/Transition Sentence for Falling-Action Paragraphs

- Is a type of Topic Sentence
- Connects the new paragraph to the previous paragraph with a transition
- Introduces the first event in the falling action
- Mentions the topic in some way
- Mentions a key character in some way

Examples:

- After I set my goal to improve my grades, I took several steps.
- Until that moment of realization, I had not thought about what I could do to improve our relationship; I started with extra chores and volunteering.
- As a result of our decision to change our attitude, we worked to apologize and make amends by cleaning up the mess.

Example

Falling-Action Paragraph

Every day, I talked to my parents about wanting a dog. At first, I made some promises. I promised to feed the dog and take the dog on walks. I promised to help around the house. Next, I did extra chores. I volunteered, and I was helpful in every way. Every day, I continued to ask for a dog. I even begged for a dog! Also, I spent a lot of time taking care of Sophie. I fed her and took her for walks. I wanted them to see me taking care of a dog.

Sentences in the Concluding Paragraph

**Concluding Transition Sentence
(Follow-Up Sentence)**

**Detail Sentences about Event 1
Lead-Off Sentence
Follow-Up Sentence(s)**

**Detail Sentences about Event 2
Lead-Off Sentence
Follow-Up Sentence(s)**

Clincher Sentence

(End the story and include a message)

Concluding Transition Sentence for Concluding Paragraphs

- Is a type of Topic Sentence
- Connects the new paragraph to the previous paragraph with a transition
- Introduces the concluding events of the story or sums up previous events
- Mentions the topic in some way
- Mentions a key character in some way

Examples:

- At the end of the game, I was speechless, but the coach had a lot to say.
- After all our problems, I yelled to Paxton, “I’m so glad that we solved that puzzle!”
- Finally, I exclaimed to Donovan, “This has been a super day! Let’s celebrate!”

Example

Concluding Paragraph

A couple of months later, we celebrated Christmas. Early in the morning, I opened all my presents, but I did not get a dog. I was feeling sad. Then my mom suddenly said, “Oh, I forgot one gift!” She asked Jesse to go upstairs and get it. However, I was so sad; I did not pay much attention to him and started cleaning up the wrapping paper. In a few minutes, Jesse came down the stairs carrying a fluffy white puppy. He handed her to me. She was my Christmas surprise! A couple of days later, we named her Blaze, as in a “blaze of light.” She sits next to me, plays with me, and sleeps with me. In the end, I am very happy to have my own special friend after asking for her so many times. I learned not to give up hope!

Using Dialogue

Quote at the beginning of a sentence(s):

“Here’s your lunch,” I said.

“What will we do?” I asked Estella.

**“These are the tickets. They were expensive!”
I announced.**

Quote at the end of a sentence(s):

I said, “Here’s your lunch.”

I asked Estella, “What will we do?”

**I announced, “These are the tickets. They
were expensive!”**

Quote broken in the middle:

Two sentences:

“Our house is falling apart,” I lamented.

“We need some help to fix it.”

One sentence (a Complex Sentence):

**“When you get to the store,” I said to
Helen, “be sure to pick up some milk.”**

Example Signal Words

Report
Conclude
State
Reply
Say
Tell
Ask
Warn
Implore
Beg
Hold
Summarize
Explain
Scream
Plead
Wish
Cry
Agree
Grumble

Example Use of Signal Words

**When Jamal found out, he said, “I quit!”
Then Tamika replied, “No! You can’t quit.”
I explained, “There’s a rule about that.”**

**“Where are the boys?” I asked.
“I don’t know. Here are their papers,”
offered Bonita.**

**“Put the food here. Then clean out the
car,” ordered my boss.
“Okay. I’ll do it right away,” I replied.**