



A paragraph has:

1. **Connectors** (first, second, thus, as a result, consequently)
2. **A topic sentence**
3. **Supporting sentences** (explanation, examples)
4. **Useful language** (I think, I believe etc)

## **How to Build an Argument**

Step 1- **Brainstorming**

Step 2- **Clustering**

Step 3- A topic sentence

Step 4- Justification (explanation, examples)

An Example:

Some people claim field trips should no longer be part of the school activities, others disagree.

Do you agree or disagree with this claim? Write an essay in which you explain and give reasons for your point of view.

**First**, experiencing nature firsthand is a practical form of education. They get the opportunity to acquire new skills like lighting a bonfire or preparing food (examples). **As a result**, they enrich their knowledge and broaden their horizons.



## Exercises:

### Subject 1 : Marrying Young

Marrying is one of the most important events of a person's life. Some people claim people should marry young.

Do you agree or disagree with this statement? Write a composition stating and explaining your opinion.

#### Brainstorming:

Patience, strength, responsibility, concessions, awareness, maturity

An opportunity to see you great grandchildren

#### Clustering:

(-) Reason/argument 1: patience

(-) Reason/ argument 2: responsibility, concessions

(-) Reason/ argument 3: awareness, maturity

(+) Reason/ argument 1: strength

(+) Reason/ argument 2: An opportunity/privilege to see your great grandchildren.

**Topic Sentence:** If young people get married, they are more likely to be impatient.

**Justification:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



Are you addicted to your phone ?

**Brainstorming:** physical reactions, dependency, agitations,

**Clustering:**

**Topic Sentence:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Justification:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Justification:** \_\_\_\_\_

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Is 'Progress' good for humanity ?

**+ Brainstorming:** technological developments, prolonging life, mobility, abundance-food, clothes, jobs, knowledge

**- Brainstorming:** global warming, air pollution, climate changes, scarcity in natural resources.

**Clustering:**

**Topic Sentence:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Justification:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Justification:** \_\_\_\_\_

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