

Body Paragraphs-Cause Essay

Read the **First body paragraph** from the deforestation essay:

Wood production is a major cause of deforestation. This is the reason for about one third of the deforestation on earth. First of all, as the human population of the world increases, so does the need for wood. For instance, people need more wood for construction, furniture, as fuel for fires and it is also used in thousands of other products such as paper and glue. Secondly, the increased need for wood has led to companies cutting down protected forests illegally. The illegal trade in wood is worth around \$10 billion a year. (93 words)

How is it organized? Drag and drop the part you can identify:

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Examples for Supporting Point 2 **Supporting Point 1** **Topic Sentence**

<i>Secondly, the increased need for wood has led to companies cutting down protected forests illegally</i>	
<i>This is the reason for about one third of the deforestation on earth.</i>	
<i>For instance, people need more wood for construction, furniture, as fuel for fires and it is also used in thousands of other products such as paper and glue.</i>	
<i>First of all, as the human population of the world increases, so does the need for wood.</i>	
<i>Wood production is a major cause of deforestation.</i>	
<i>The illegal trade in wood is worth around \$10 billion a year.</i>	

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Here is the second body paragraph:

The need for more agricultural land is the second important cause of deforestation. To begin with, food production must increase as the population increases, so farmers cut down forests to increase farmland to grow more food crops. Furthermore, as poor countries become richer, people want to eat more meat so suitable land must be available for animals to live on. Cows are now the most common farm animals in the Amazon region. (73 words)

How is this paragraph organized? Drag and drop the part you can identify:

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<i>Furthermore, as poor countries become richer, people want to eat more meat, so suitable land must be available for animals to live on.</i>	
<i>To begin with, food production must increase as the population increases, so farmers cut down forests to increase farm land to grow more food crops.</i>	
<i>The need for more agricultural land is the second important cause of deforestation.</i>	
<i>Cows are now the most common farm animals in the Amazon region.</i>	

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1. Underline the causes mentioned in text A. What are they?

Text A: Are Traffic Accidents Really Accidents?

The word "accident" sounds like something happened by chance and no one is really responsible for it. However, usually someone is responsible for an accident. If you are a driver, do you do any of these things?

Tailgating is a very dangerous habit that often leads to accidents. Tailgating is when one car drives very close to the car in front. It is estimated that this causes four out of every 11 accidents. When two cars are too close together, the driver behind does not have enough time to react safely when something happens. This is also a very aggressive way to drive because it makes the driver in front feel anxious and afraid of a crash. As a result, he/she feels pressured to change lanes too quickly.

Speeding causes more road accidents than anything else. Speeding means driving faster than the speed limit, or too fast for the local conditions. Speeding can cause accidents in two ways. Firstly, speeding drivers have much less time to react if something unexpected happens. Secondly, a speeding car is much more difficult to control. In addition, if a speeding car crashes the results are much worse, due to the extra energy involved.

Driver fatigue (tiredness) is a major problem on roads. Everyone knows that when people are tired, they make more mistakes, but being tired on the road can lead to injury or death. First of all, a sleepy driver's concentration is weak so he/she cannot react quickly and cannot judge situations well. Furthermore, tired drivers often fall asleep while driving and cross over into other lanes or go off the road completely. This is especially serious for drivers of large vehicles like trucks and buses as a crash can lead to a large loss of life.

Why do people drive without a driving licence? Usually there are two reasons. First of all, because they have never learned to drive in the correct way, i.e. with driving lessons and passing a driving test. The second reason is that the police have caught them driving in a dangerous way and their licences have been taken away from them. Both causes mean that they are not safe drivers and are likely to cause accidents.

2. Underline the causes mentioned in text B. What are they?

Text B: Accident Statistics - Who has the most Traffic Accidents?

What kinds of people are most likely to have a traffic accident? Although anyone can be involved in an accident, even if they always drive safely, there are some groups of people who have a much higher risk. Look at these statistics:

- a. **Elderly drivers:** = 7% of drivers are elderly (in their 60s, 70s or 80s).
= 14% of all accidents are caused by elderly people.
- b. **Teenage drivers:** = 8% of all drivers are teenagers.
= 25% of drivers killed or seriously injured are under 20 years old.

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c. **Tired drivers:**
more

= People who have only slept for five hours at night have 4 – 5 times more accidents than people who have slept for eight hours.
= Accidents caused by drivers falling asleep cause 40% more deaths than other accidents.

d. **Fast drivers:**

= One third of all accidents are a result of driving too fast.
= If the speed limit is 60kph and you drive at 70kph, your chances of having an accident double.
= If you hit a tree or street light at 20kph, your chances of survival are 80%. Driving at 50kph only 30% survive.
= At 60kph, your car travels another 36 metres before it can stop. So, if you are traveling that fast and a child runs into the road in front of you, there is no chance that you can stop before you hit the child.

1. Which causes are mentioned in both texts?

Cause 1: _____

Cause 2: _____

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Below is the information from Text A about driving whilst tired. How is this paragraph organized? Drag and drop the part you can identify:

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Supporting Point 1

Topic Sentence

Text A sentence:	
A) <i>Driver fatigue is a major problem on roads.</i>	
B) <i>Everyone knows that when people are tired, they make more mistakes, but being tired on the road can lead to injury and death.</i>	
C) <i>First of all, a sleepy driver's concentration is weak so he/she cannot react quickly and cannot judge situations well.</i>	
D) <i>Furthermore, tired drivers often fall asleep while driving and cross into other lanes or go off the road completely.</i>	
E) <i>This is especially serious for drivers of large vehicles like trucks and buses as a crash can lead to a large loss of life.</i>	

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Here is the information you must combine from both texts A and B into one paragraph on the first cause.

Put them in order by drag and drop to complete your body paragraph on the cause of tiredness for traffic accident:

Text A	Text B
<p>A. Driver fatigue (tiredness) is a major problem on roads.</p> <p>B. Everyone knows that when people are tired, they make more mistakes, but being tired on the road can lead to injury and death.</p> <p>C. First of all, a sleepy driver's concentration is <u>weak</u> so he/she cannot react quickly and cannot judge situations well.</p> <p>D. Furthermore, tired drivers often fall asleep <u>while driving</u> and cross into other lanes or go off the road completely.</p> <p>E. This is especially serious for drivers of large vehicles like trucks and buses as a crash can lead to a large loss of life.</p>	<p>1. People who have only slept for five hours at night have 4 – 5 times more accidents than people who have slept for eight hours.</p> <p>2. Accidents caused by drivers falling asleep cause 40% more deaths than other accidents.</p>

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Now do the same thing with the paragraphs about **speeding**. Below is the information from Text A about driving whilst tired. How is this paragraph organized? Drag and drop the part you can identify:

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Examples for Supporting Point 2	Supporting Point 1	Topic Sentence
<i>Speeding causes more accidents than anything else.</i>		
<i>Speeding means driving faster than the speed limit, or too fast for the local conditions.</i>		
<i>Speeding can cause accidents in two ways.</i>		<i>Sentence to introduce the following two supporting points.</i>
<i>Firstly, speeding drivers have much less time to react if something unexpected happens.</i>		
<i>Secondly, a speeding car is much more difficult to control.</i>		
<i>In addition, if a speeding car crashes the results are much worse, due to the extra energy involved.</i>		

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Here is the information you must combine from both texts A and B into one paragraph on the second cause.

Put them in order by drag and drop to complete your body paragraph on the cause of speeding for traffic accident:

Text A	Text B
<p>A. Speeding causes more accidents than anything else.</p> <p>B. Speeding means driving faster than the speed limit, or too fast for the local conditions.</p> <p>C. Speeding causes accidents in two ways.</p> <p>D. Firstly, speeding drivers have much <u>less time to react</u> if something unexpected happens.</p> <p>E. Secondly, a speeding car is much more <u>difficult to control</u>.</p> <p>F. In addition, if a speeding car crashes the results are much worse, due to the extra energy involved.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none">One third of all accidents are a result of driving too fast.If the speed limit is 60kph and you drive at 70kph, your chances of having an accident double.If you hit a tree or street light at 20kph, your chances of survival are 80%. At 50 kph only 30% survive.At 60kph, your car travels another 36 metres before it can stop. So, if you are traveling that fast and a child runs into the road in front of you, there is no chance that you can stop before you hit the child.

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