

Writing an opinion paragraph

Read the model paragraph and then answer the questions.

As technology becomes more and more advanced, athletes will soon have contact lenses that do more than correct vision problems. High-tech contact lenses can greatly improve eyesight so that an athlete's eyesight is much stronger than the average person's. This gives an unfair advantage to some athletes. In my opinion, sports organizations ought to have rules against contact lenses in competitions. Eyesight is extremely important in sports like golf and baseball. Athletes have to see objects that are very far away. For this reason, if they have super-vision because of high-tech contact lenses, they will play better than other athletes. We already have reports that this is true. Professional golfers say that high-tech contact lenses have greatly improved their performance. The cost is another reason I am against high-tech contact lenses. These lenses are too expensive for many players. Players who cannot afford them are at a disadvantage. For these reasons, I feel strongly that there must be rules against high-tech contact lenses in some sports.

- 1.- In which sentence does the writer introduce the opinion? What phrase signals the opinion?
- 2.- Where does the writer give background information about the topic?
- 3.- What are the two reasons for the writer's opinion?
- 4.- What phrase signals each reason?
- 5.- Where does the writer restates the paragraph topic?

Fill in the graphic organizer with information from the paragraph.

Opinion

Sports organizations ought to have .

Reason

They can give athletes .

Supporting details

Eyesight is extremely important

Reason

are very expensive.

Supporting details