

Topic to Thesis Converter (Classification Essay)

This guided template helps you turn any classification essay topic into a clear, complete thesis statement. Work through each step: identify the topic, determine the organizing principle, define your categories, and convert them into a strong thesis.

Step 1: Identify Your Topic

Write the general subject you want to classify.

Example: *Types of online learners*

Step 2: Choose an Organizing Principle

- By behavior
- By skill level
- By motivation
- By purpose
- By demographic
- By frequency of use
- By complexity
- By benefits/drawbacks

Step 3: Name Your Categories

List 3–5 meaningful and parallel categories.

Example categories for online learners:

- Highly Self-Directed Learners
- Socially Motivated Learners
- Deadline-Driven Learners

Step 4: Convert to Thesis

Combine the topic, organizing principle, and categories into one sentence. **Thesis Formula:**

Topic can be classified according to *organizing principle* into *Category 1*, *Category 2*, and *Category 3*.

Example Thesis:

Online learners can be classified by their motivational style into highly self-directed learners, socially motivated learners, and deadline-driven learners.

Write Your Own Thesis

Topic: _____

Organizing Principle: _____

Categories:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Complete Thesis:
