

## PEEL Paragraph Structure Guide (Body Paragraph Template)

A highly effective formula for constructing clear, persuasive body paragraphs.

### P – Point

- Your **Topic Sentence**. Start the paragraph by clearly stating the one central point or argument this paragraph will make. This point must directly support your overall thesis.

### E – Evidence

- Introduce your **proof**. This can be a direct quote, a paraphrased idea, a statistic, a concrete example, or a factual event. Always provide a citation if needed. Embed it smoothly (e.g., "As Smith argues, '...'").

### E – Explain

- This is your **analysis**. Explain in your own words *what* the evidence means and *how* it works. Don't assume it speaks for itself. Break it down for the reader.

### L – Link

- **Connect back**. Do two things:
  1. Link your explanation back to the **Point** (topic sentence) of the paragraph.
  2. Link the point of this paragraph back to your main **Thesis**. This creates a chain of logic throughout your essay.  
*Example: "This demonstrates not only [Point], but also reinforces the paper's thesis that [Thesis]."*