

Problem and Solution Essays: Advice for Writing

Checklist:

1. Do I have 5 paragraphs?
2. Do I have a minimum of 200 words?
3. Does each of the paragraphs have a topic sentence?
4. Does each of the solution paragraphs address the same problem?
5. Are all of the ideas in the paragraph related to the topic sentence?

1. Structure:

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<u>Introduction</u>	Clearly state the problem you will discuss. Explain why it is a problem and why it has occurred.
<u>Paragraph 2</u>	First possible solution. Explain your suggestion and how it will solve the problem.
<u>Paragraph 3</u>	Second possible solution. Explain your suggestion and how it will solve the problem.
<u>Paragraph 4</u>	Third possible solution. Explain your solution and how it will solve the problem
<u>Conclusion</u>	Summarize your opinion.

2. Topic sentences:

Make sure each of the possible solution paragraphs begin with a topic sentence. The topic sentence should clearly express what the paragraph will be about.