

PRACTICE EXERCISE: Paragraph Unity

Exercise 01:

Each of the following paragraphs do not have element of unity because each paragraph contains one or more sentences that do not directly support the topic sentence.

Paragraph 01:

Tourism is the state of Hawaii's leading industry. Every year, some 3.2 million tourists visit the islands. During the popular winter months, a planeload of tourists arrives every fifteen minutes. New hotels, new resorts, and new restaurants are being built every year to accommodate the increasing numbers of visitors. Sugar cane and pineapples are also important industries in Hawaii (Oshima & Hogue: 1981).

The sentence/s that does/do not support the topic sentence is/are

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Paragraph 02:

The rapid increase in crime in Chicago is causing a great deal of concern to the city's citizens. People are afraid to go out into the streets at night because they are afraid of being robbed or even killed. More and more families are moving out of the city into the suburbs because of the high crime rate. The chief of police was fired last month because of his inability to reduce the crime. People are buying strong locks for their doors and installing heavy iron bars across their windows to prevent burglaries. Some citizens are even purchasing guns to protect themselves and their property. Indeed, it seems that their increase in crime is turning the average home in Chicago into a prison for its inhabitants (Oshima & Hogue:1981).

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Paragraph 03:

The convenience and economy of small cars account for their popularity. They are easy to park quickly and take smaller parking spaces. Small cars are also a means of conserving energy because they use less gas than big cars. Small cars are inconvenient and uncomfortable on long trips, however, because of their limited passenger and trunk space. They are also more economical to

operate and maintain, and they cost less. Because of these advantages, the next car I buy is going to be an Econo-Midget.

The sentence/s that does/do not support the topic sentence is/are

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Exercise 02: Complete the following paragraph with the correct *transitional words*.

Hurricanes and earthquakes are similar in that they both cause extensive damage. _____, an earthquake is even more terrifying than a hurricane just because it strikes so suddenly. An earthquake gives no warningthere is a plenty of warning before a hurricane. Weather satellites send signals enabling the weather bureau to issue warnings several days in advance of a hurricane., people can prepare for hurricanes by stocking up on food and supplies and securing their property., there is enough time for people who live near the coastal areas to evacuate to higher land if they are advised to do so by the authorities. because earthquakes give no warning, preparation is impossible., many buildings in earth quake zones are not built strong enough to withstand the shock waves of a strong quake,they are vulnerable to damage. People are not safe in their homes, can they seek safety on the highways, which can also be damaged by the shock waves. (Koch & Folse,2000).

Exercise 03: Fill in the blanks in the following paragraph by using suitable connectors bellow.

In the first place, Finally, Otherwise, In addition, on the contrary, Also

Why I Don't Make My Bed

Ever since I moved into my own apartment last fall, I have gotten out of the habit of making my bed--except on Fridays, of course, when I change the sheets. Although some people may think that I am a slob, I have some sound reasons for breaking the bed-making habit., I am not concerned about maintaining a tidy bedroom because no one except me ever ventures in there. If there is ever a fire inspection or a surprise date, I suppose I can dash in there to fluff up the pillow and slap on a spread....., I am not bothered., I find nothing uncomfortable about crawling into a rumpled mass of sheets and blankets., I enjoy poking out a cozy space for myself before drifting off to sleep., I think that a tightly made bed is downright uncomfortable: entering one makes me feel like a loaf of bread being wrapped and sealed., and most importantly, I think bed-making is an awful way to

waste time in the morning. I would rather spend those precious minutes checking my email or feeding the cat than tucking in corners or snapping the spread.