

Stating Reasons and Giving Examples

Model Paragraph:
Using Examples

Costa Rica

Costa Rica is a great place to spend a vacation for two reasons. First of all, Costa Rica has an excellent system of national parks where visitors can observe nature. For example, in Tortuguero National Park, visitors can watch sea turtles come ashore to lay their eggs in the sand. Then they can come back several months later to see the new babies crawl down to the sea. In Santa Rosa National Park, visitors can see unusual birds such as toucans and quetzals and exotic animals such as spider monkeys. Second, Costa Rica has many beautiful beaches. For instance, the beaches at Manuel Antonio National Park are among the most beautiful in the world, and the beaches on Canoa and Cocos Islands offer perfect conditions for snorkeling and scuba diving. Indeed, Costa Rica is a wonderful place to go if you love the outdoors.

Outlining : Complete the outline of the model paragraph.

..... (Title)
Topic Sentence

Reason A:
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Example 1:
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Example 2:
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Reason B:
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Example 1:
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Example 2:
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Concluding Sentence:

Reasons and Examples: When you write a topic sentence such as *Costa Rica is a great place to visit*, **you need to support it with reasons**. You need to explain why Costa Rica is a great place to visit. The writer of the model paragraph gave two main reasons why tourists enjoy visiting Costa Rica:

1. It has many national parks where tourists can see nature.
2. It has beautiful beaches.

After you state your reasons, you need to support them. A good way to support reasons is to give **specific examples**. Specific examples can be names of specific people, places, things, or events.

Transition Signals with reasons: When you give reasons, you should introduce each one with a transition signal. You can use the listing-order transition signals: first, first of all, second, third, moreover, in addition, besides, finally etc.

- First,.....
- First of all,
- The first reason is
- The first reason is that.....

Transition Signals with Examples: There are 3 transition signals used to introduce examples.

For example,.....
For instance,.....
.....such as.....+ n.