



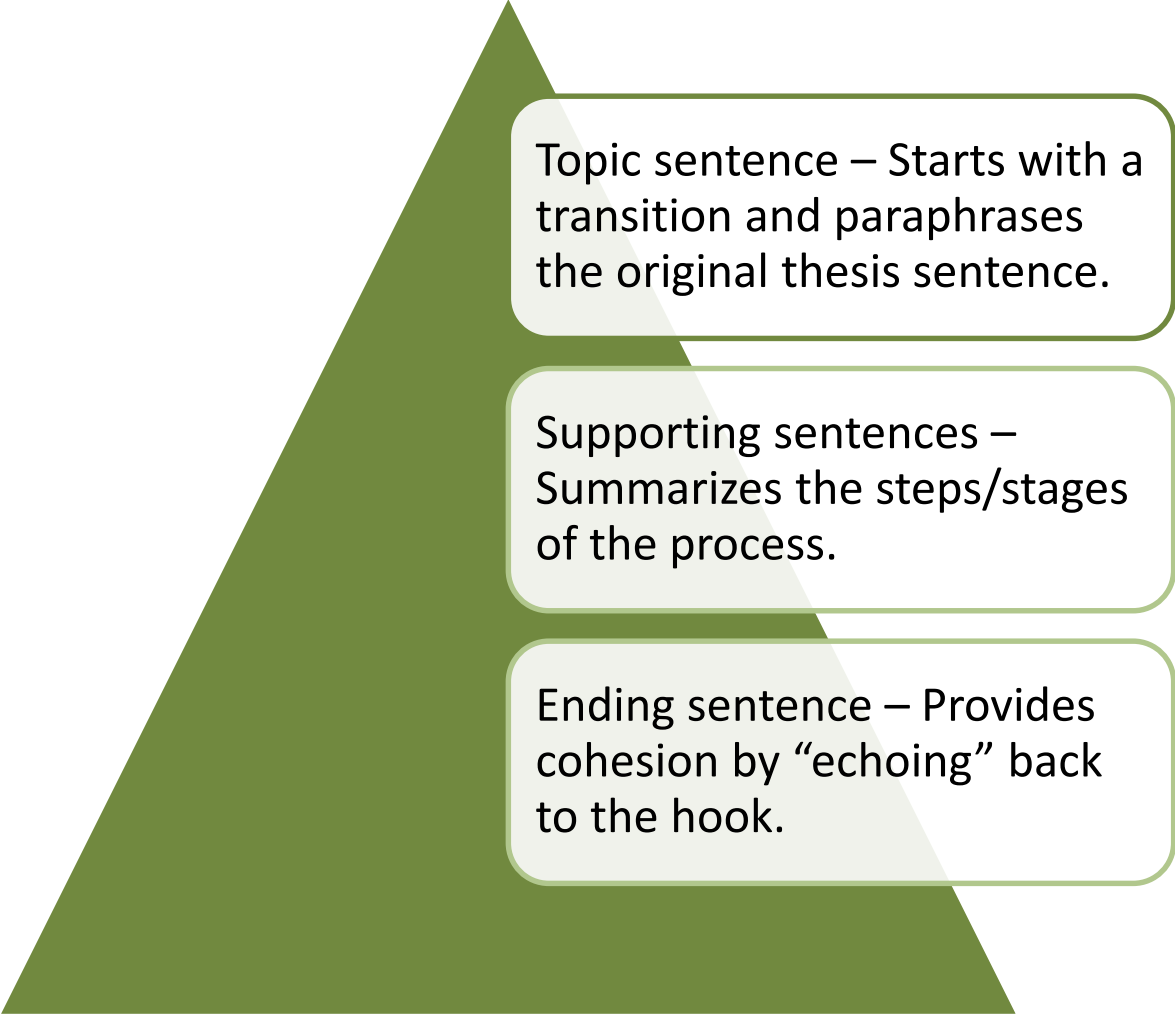
Descriptive Process
Conclusion

Purpose of a conclusion

- To restate the thesis (specific topic) of the essay
- To summarize the main points of the thesis
- To provide cohesion by “echoing” back to the hook



An overview

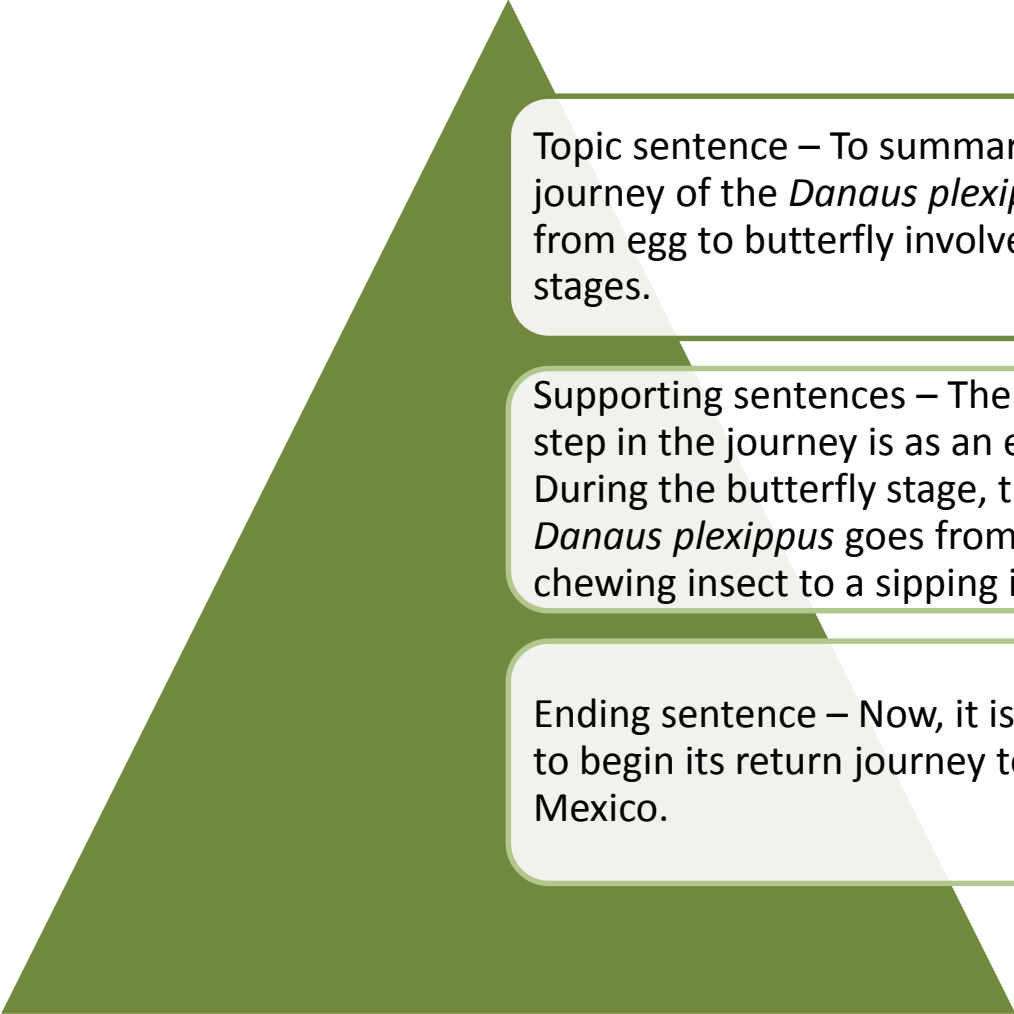


Topic sentence – Starts with a transition and paraphrases the original thesis sentence.

Supporting sentences – Summarizes the steps/stages of the process.

Ending sentence – Provides cohesion by “echoing” back to the hook.

An overview (cont.)



Topic sentence – To summarize, the journey of the *Danaus plexippus* from egg to butterfly involves four stages.

Supporting sentences – The first step in the journey is as an egg. . . . During the butterfly stage, the *Danaus plexippus* goes from a chewing insect to a sipping insect.

Ending sentence – Now, it is ready to begin its return journey to Mexico.

Model conclusion

To summarize, the journey of the *Danaus plexippus* from egg to butterfly involves four stages. The first step in the journey is as an egg. Hatching in 3-5 days, the insect enters the caterpillar stage. During this stage, it eats almost non-stop. It eats so much that it becomes too large for its skin. After molting four times, the insect enters the pupa stage. Organs and structures begin to form. During the butterfly stage, the *Danaus plexippus* goes from a chewing insect to a sipping insect. Now, it is ready to begin its return journey to Mexico.

Thesis: Metamorphosis of a Monarch involves four stages: the egg stage, the larval stage, the chrysalis stage, and the butterfly stage.

Hook: The *Danaus plexippus*, or Monarch butterfly, lives in Mexico during the winter because the Mexican climate is warm. However, during late April or early May, the butterfly travels to Canada and the U.S.

Review

Topic sentence

1. Begins with a transition indicating conclusion, e.g. *to conclude, in conclusion, in closing, to summarize, as can be seen.*
2. Paraphrases the thesis sentence from the introduction.

Supporting sentences

1. Summarizes the steps/stages in the process.
2. Does not introduce new information.

Final sentence

Echoes back to the hook that opened the essay.

