

Analyzing the Essay

The Introduction

- 1) The introduction contains the definition of the procedure and definitions of other terms.
- 2) The introduction provides background information, including why the procedure is performed and who needs the procedure.
- 3) Statistics, such as how many times a year the procedure is performed, are often included in the introduction. To indicate statistics, the following phrases can be used:

Statistics show that ...

Statistics indicate that ...

According to statistics,

- 5) The introduction often does not have many transitions, but key terms are repeated, and reference words, such as “it” and “this”, are frequently used.
- 6) The introduction contains the thesis statement, which states the topics that will be discussed, and controls the organization of the essay:

Cricothyroidotomy is carried out in three stages: preparation, the actual procedure, and recovery.

The Body Paragraphs

3 Body Paragraphs: #1 = Preparation; #2 = The Actual Procedure; #3 = Recovery

- Topic Sentence
 - Supporting sentences linked with cohesion techniques.

(transitions, start with time / location / purpose, summarize previous step, etc.)

The Conclusion

- 1) The first sentence of the conclusion begins with one of the following transitions:

In conclusion, ...

In summary, ...

To conclude, ...

To summarize, ...

- 2) The first sentence of the conclusion is **the restatement of the thesis**.

In conclusion, cricothyroidotomy, which is an emergency procedure that is performed to allow air to enter the lungs, is completed in three stages.

Notice the following about the restatement of the thesis:

- a) It uses different words than the thesis statement in the introduction.
 - b) It includes the general class (here, emergency procedure). A general class is a category of things or ideas.
 - c) It contains the phrase “three stages”. Do not mention the name of each stage in the restatement of the thesis; the names of the stages (preparation, the actual procedure, and recovery) will be mentioned in the following sentences.
- 3) The conclusion mentions **the main idea of each topic** that was presented in the thesis statement (the main idea of the preparation stage, the main idea of the procedure itself, and the main idea of the recovery stage).
- 4) To achieve variety in writing, the conclusion should be written in **different phrases** than the ones used in the rest of the essay.