

Language Tips

Writing Tip Series: Turn your Plan into a 5-Paragraph Essay

Turn the phrases and thoughts on the graphic organizer into sentences and add examples to make the story interesting. Be sure to use transitions to move from paragraph to paragraph.

There are many reasons why it is important to follow the rules. Being [◊]principled shows we will do the right thing no matter what. Following the rules [◻]helps you think about what you are going to do. Some of the reasons why we follow the rules are to [△]learn more, be [☆]safe, and be [○]responsible.

[△] The first reason I follow the rules is so I can learn more. When I follow the rules I listen and stay on task. This helps me make sure I won't miss out on important information or events. When I follow the rules at school, I may earn a buzz buck or get a good grade on my work. One time when I followed the rules, my teacher called my mom to tell her what a great day I had. When I got home, my mom and dad took me to Nuberri as a special treat for having such an awesome day.

...Paragraph 3 would be about being [☆]safe and the Paragraph 4 would be about being [○]responsible.

Definition:

Conditional Dependent Clauses - is part of a sentence containing an action that can only happen *if* or *unless* another specific action occurs.

Conditional clauses often begin with or contain the conjunctions *if* or *unless*.

Conditional clauses also contain a subject and a verb, but they cannot stand alone as a sentence.

Examples:

If conditions:

You can dive into the deep end of the pool **if you know how to swim**.

If you eat all of your vegetables, you may have dessert.

Unless conditions:

The door will not open **unless you pull really hard**.

Unless Carrie does her chores, she cannot watch TV.