

## Paragraph Structure (PEEL)

### Point

Your first sentence must state your point. It introduces the topic you're about to discuss and tells the reader what the paragraph is going to be about. This is sometimes called a topic sentence.

### Evidence

Support your point with evidence and examples. In the next one or two sentences, give evidence to expand upon and support the point you made. Evidence can include facts, statistics, research findings, and quotes from a credible authority or a primary text.

### Explanation

This is where you show your understanding by explaining in more detail how and why your evidence supports your point. Your explanation should interpret the evidence for the reader.

### Link

The last sentence should reinforce your original point or link your writing to the next paragraph. The link sentence can provide a transition to the next topic or paragraph.

### Should Animals Be Kept in Zoos?



## Why Does Volcanic Activity Occur in the Pacific Ring of Fire?

Volcanic activity occurs around the Pacific Ring of Fire because many destructive plate boundaries are located here. One example is the destructive boundary between the continental South American plate and the oceanic Pacific plate which has formed the Andes Mountains. The denser oceanic plate is subducted underneath the continental plate and melts as it falls into the hot mantle. Magma then rises up through the continental plate and is erupted through volcanoes at the surface. The destructive boundaries all around the Pacific Ring of Fire are the reason for high volcanic activity.

## A Writing Strategy...

<b>P</b> oint	<b>E</b> vidence	<b>E</b> xplanation	<b>L</b> ink
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is there a point of view that needs sharing?</li> <li>• Is there an important piece of the puzzle that you can share?</li> <li>• Do you need to define a term?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What information do you have to support your point?</li> <li>• Are there quotes that you can use to illustrate the point that you are making?</li> <li>• Are there examples that you can include that show what you mean?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What effect does this evidence have?</li> <li>• How important is the evidence that you have shared?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What does this point and evidence have to do with the question?</li> </ul>
To begin with... Moving on to... As well as...	For example... This is shown in... Such as...	As a result of... This means that... This caused...	In conclusion... This tells us that... This helps answer the question because...

...Now try being creative

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2 Evidence:

3 Explanation:

4 Link: