

Revision of Body Paragraphs

Directions: After I review the following categories, correct your paper focusing on the areas identified. Use a red pen to clearly mark your revision. Pay attention to point distributions.

1. Flow/Transitions (30 pts.) Cures, in order of importance:
 - Organization of paper/logic is the most important factor here (Is it easy to follow?)
 - Whatever you say in your topic sentence should be what the paragraph is about. (Do you go off topic? Is your topic sentence general enough? These paragraphs should never begin with quotes)
 - Use synonyms to connect your ideas. (Is there a connection between each sentence? Synonyms can act as glue.)
Example: Residents of nursing homes often suffer **from loneliness and depression**. To counter these **feelings of isolation and sadness**, therapy dogs can be used as an alternative to or in addition to medications.
 - Use pronouns to connect sentences
Example: **Therapy dogs** serve many purposes. **They** are used in nursing homes to help alleviate residents' loneliness...
 - Insert transition words (see back of page)
2. Commas (25 points)
 - Correct for splices/run-ons by
 - splitting sentences up
 - combining correctly with a semi-colon
 - combining correctly with comma and fanboys
 - Commas with interrupting words such as "however" in the middle of a sentence
 - Commas with these words at the beginning of a sentence. Examples: In fact, However, Also, Consequently,
 - Commas with AAABWIS at beginning of a sentence
3. Citations (10 points)
 - If there is an author, and it's an online source :
.....(Jones).
 - If no author, and it's an online source, abbreviate the title and use quotation marks
.....("Therapy Dogs").
4. Paper is written from 3rd person Point of View. (more objective and formal) (10 points)
 - NO: I, we, my, you, my opinion is...
5. Say it better. (25 points) Read to yourself several times looking for silly mistakes and at least 3 places where you can sharpen up your language to make it sound better, or to make it clearer to the reader. This does not mean inflate your language. It means finding the best way to say something.