Body Paragraphs

In the body paragraphs, the writer provides evidence to support the opinion offered in the thesis statement in the introduction. Each body paragraph is based on a solid reason to back your thesis statement.

*Since almost all issues have sound arguments on both sides of the issue, a good persuasive writer tries to anticipate opposing viewpoints and provide counter-arguments along with the main points in the essay.

The following are different ways to support your argument:

- Facts A powerful means of convincing. Facts can come from your reading, observation, or personal experience
- Statistics These can provide excellent support. Be sure your statistics come from reliable sources. Always cite your sources.
- Quotes Direct quotes from leading experts that support your position are invaluable.
- Examples Examples enhance your meaning and make your ideas concrete. They are the proof.

Hints for successful body paragraphs:

- 1. Clarify your position in your topic sentence state your argument or reason that supports your thesis.
- 2. Use a combination of facts, statistics, quotes, and examples to support your reason.
- 3. Include transitions between sentences to serve as cues for the reader (first, then, next, however, consequently, therefor, thus, still, nevertheless, notwithstanding, furthermore, in fact, similarly, instead).