

Writing Research Papers Week 4: Get it out of your head! (Writing the first draft)

Introduction paragraph

Get the reader's attention with a story, example, fact, etc.

Thesis statement-be specific, let the reader know what is coming.

Body paragraphs

Follow your outline.

Say everything about each item in your outline.

Use transitions to make your paper flow.

Conclusion paragraph

Restate your main point.

Give a challenge or something for readers to think about, but don't introduce any new topics.

Use quote marks to indicate direct quotes (when you use the exact words of a source).

Make a note of exactly where you got the info when you quote or explain something that isn't common knowledge.

Don't worry about how bad you think your first draft sounds. We're going to edit next week!

Sample thesis statement:

In order to maintain consistent blood sugar levels, people must eat the right balance of nutrients such as proteins and carbohydrates.

Sample of part of a concluding paragraph:

The right balance of proteins and carbohydrates can keep your blood sugar under control. You will find it worth your time to determine the proper amounts of each of these for your nutritional needs and apply it to your daily diet.