

Essay Strategies Worksheet #27

Directions: Review your Essay Strategy Worksheet #19 and copy the (2) Thesis Statement. Write a (1) **Definition Introduction Strategy** sentence and connect to the (2) Thesis Statement with a transition word or phrase. Refer to the **Writing Examples** for help.

Review your Essay Strategy Worksheet #11 and copy and any two (4) or (5) sentences from the body paragraphs that have been written in the subject-verb-object (or complement) sentence patterns. Then revise the two body paragraph sentences, beginning each with a **Prepositional Phrase Sentence Opener**. Refer to the **Writing Examples** for help.

Definition Introduction Strategy

Definition—Sentences that explain the meaning of a key word that may be unfamiliar to the reader or help to narrow the focus of the subject.

Writing Examples for Definition Introduction Strategy

- (1) By greater variety, this includes temperatures and amounts of rain.
- (1) The Western United States consists of states to the west of the Mississippi River.
- (1) Other regions of the country are the North, East, and the South.
- (2) Thesis Statement—The Western United States has a greater variety of climates than any other region of the country.

Prepositional Phrase Sentence Opener

Prepositional Phrase—A preposition frequently describes location (above the roof), tells time (after a while), or shows a relationship (with his friend). The prepositional phrase begins with a preposition and ends with the object (a noun or pronoun) that connects to the preposition. Place a comma after a prepositional phrase sentence opener when a noun or pronoun follows.

Common Prepositions

aboard, about, above, according to, across, after, against, along, among, around, as, as to, aside from, at, because of, before, behind, below, beneath, beside, between, beyond, by, despite, down, during, except, for, from, in, inside, instead of, into, in addition to, in place of, in spite of, like, near, next to, of, off, on, on account of, onto, outside, out of, over, regardless of, since, through, throughout, to, toward, under, underneath, until, up, upon, with, within, without, but when it means "except," and *past* when it means "by."

Writing Examples for Prepositional Phrase Sentence Opener

- *Describes location*
Behind the cabinet, he found the missing piece.
- *Tells time*
During the game, the umpire made few mistakes.
- *Shows a relationship*
Except for Steven, they left the party early.