

Introduction

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Copy your sentence from **Step 4**. This is your topic sentence 1.

Body 1

Insert a transition sentence that completes your thoughts on Body 1 and leads you to Body 2.

Copy your sentence from **Step 4A**. This is your topic sentence 2.

Body 2

Insert a transition sentence that completes your thoughts on Body 2 and leads you to the conclusion.

Copy your sentence from **Step 3A**. This is your summary.

Conclusion

Example Essay

Introduction

Prejudging my new college roommate was a mistake that taught me if I am willing to keep an open mind, good friends could come from unexpected places.

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***First**, I learned that I should give people the benefit of the doubt.*

Body 1

By having an open mind, I was able to gain a friend.

Insert a transition sentence that completes your thoughts on Body 1 and leads you to Body 2.

Copy your sentence from **Step 4A**. This is your topic sentence 2.

***Secondly**, I learned good friends might come from unexpected places.*

Body 2

Certainly I never would have imagined that I could become friends with someone so different from me, nor would I have learned to trust in people before meeting them without the benefit of what I learned from my university roommate.

Insert a transition sentence that completes your thoughts on Body 2 and leads you to the conclusion.

Copy your sentence from **Step 3A**. This is your summary.

***In conclusion**, giving someone the benefit of the doubt, instead of making judgments about them before I really know them, could help me to develop long lasting friendships.*

Conclusion