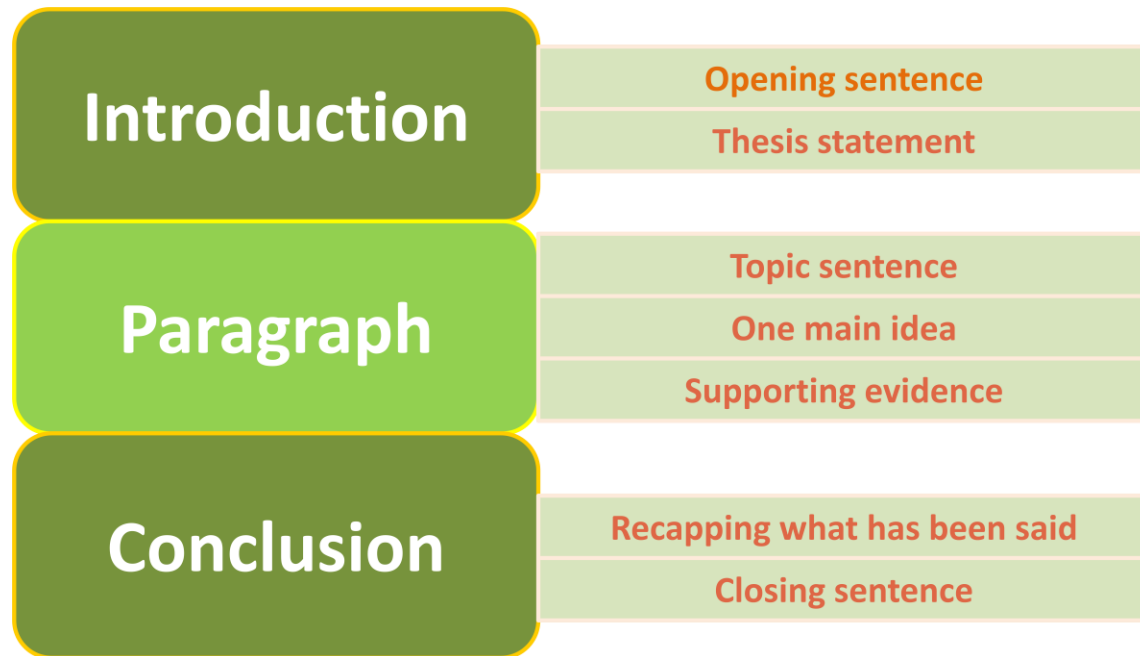


Organizing your Essay

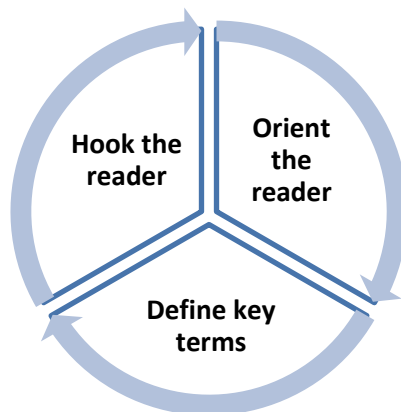
Consult the charts below to make sure you have included *all of the main* components of an effective essay and have learnt the main functions of introductions and conclusions.

THE ESSAY STRUCTURE

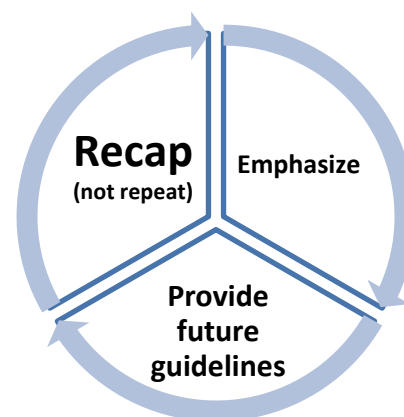


There is no set rule for the number of paragraphs in essays: they can be built up with one or more paragraphs.

Functions of **Introductions**¹

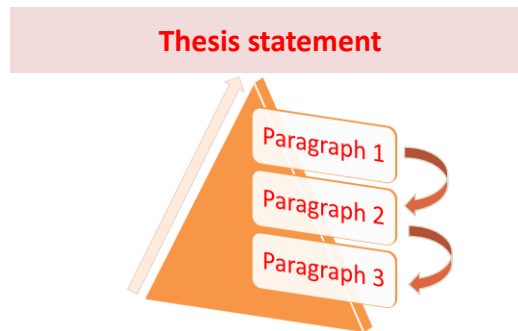


Functions of **Conclusions**¹



An effective thesis statement will help you construct your essay

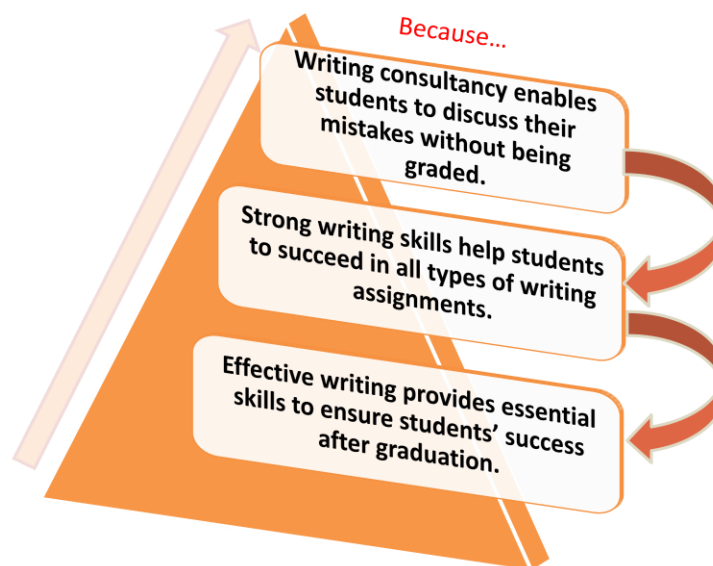
Your essay should express one main idea in order to be clear and powerful. The central or key idea of your essay is conveyed in the thesis statement. If you have clearly revealed your point of view on the given topic, it will be much easier to build the paragraphs of your essay.



The paragraphs will emerge from an effective thesis statement. Afterwards, you can develop each idea to support your thesis statement.

Consider the following EXAMPLE:

Writing consultancy sessions should be a requirement for undergraduate students.



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