

Parts of an essay: Introduction

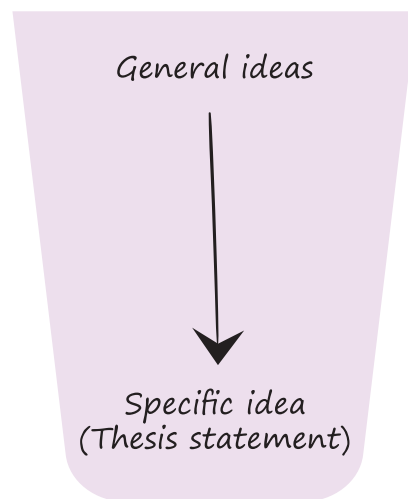
Writing tips

The first paragraph of an essay is called an **introduction**.

The introduction ...

- is usually five to ten sentences.
- catches the reader's interest.
- gives the general topic of the essay.
- gives background information about the topic.
- states the main point (the thesis statement) of the essay.

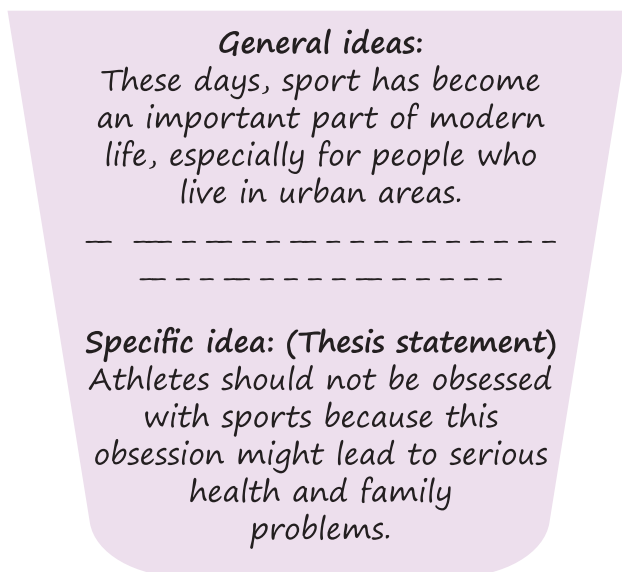
The introduction is often organised by giving the most general ideas first and then leading to the most specific idea, which is the thesis statement.



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Read the introduction to the essay and complete the diagram.

These days, sport has become an important part of modern life, especially for people who live in urban areas. They tend to do sport at least twice a week because of its numerous benefits. However, there are some athletes who spend too much time on it, which seems to be excessive. Athletes should not be obsessed with sports because this obsession might lead to serious health and family problems.



Note: Any of the following will make an introduction weak:

- It doesn't give enough information about the topic.
- It gives too much information about the topic.
- It talks about too many different topics.
- It does not state a thesis clearly.