



Spring Is Spectacular

By _____



Interviewer's Name: _____

Interviewee's Name: _____

What do like about spring?



What do you like to do when you are outside in spring?

If you celebrated your birthday in spring, where would you have your party? What would you do?

Which is your favorite spring holiday? Why?

From the ideas generated in your interview, list three of your favorite things about spring.

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____

Time to write an **introductory paragraph**. The introductory paragraph lets your readers know what to expect. It introduces them to your ideas. Start with stating the topic. Add the three main ideas that support that topic and a concluding sentence. and you're on your way!



1. Introductory Paragraph

Topic Sentence (for example, "Spring is a wonderful season."):

In the next sentence(s) tell the reader your three favorite things.

Conclude the paragraph with a statement that encourages the reader to read more (for example, "Certainly, with all of these special things to enjoy, why wouldn't anybody love spring?").

Body Paragraphs

Now let's take each of your favorite things and turn them into the body paragraphs of your essay. Start by restating the idea in a topic sentence. Next, add three detail sentences. End with a concluding sentence that sums up the main idea of the paragraph.

Example:



(Topic Sentence) Planting a garden is a fun activity that is best done in spring. (Detail Sentence) Find a sunny spot in your yard after the ground has thawed and prepare the soil. (Detail Sentence) The sun warming your face as you make rows for your seeds will make you happy to be outside. (Detail Sentence) As you sprinkle seeds and cover them over, the birds will be singing in your yard as they build their nests and search for food. (Concluding Sentence) Without a doubt, you will be dreaming about the delicious vegetables or beautiful flowers you will soon have!

Notice that the concluding sentence begins with the phrase "Without a doubt". This is called a **transitional phrase**. Transitional words and phrases help your paragraphs to flow and sound polished. A sample list of transitional words and phrases appears at the top of the next page. Try to use one of these at the at the beginning of each concluding sentence you write.

Transitional Words and Phrases

certainly

finally

indeed

next

afterwards

further

undoubtedly

moreover

after all

additionally

in conclusion

obviously

to be sure

in fact

therefore

in other words

also

for this reason

2. Body Paragraph

Topic Sentence _____

Three Detail Sentences

Concluding Sentence

Sample



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