



Winter Writing

By _____

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Interviewer's Name: _____

Interviewee's Name: _____

What do you like about winter?



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

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

Which is your favorite winter holiday? Why?

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

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, "Winter is a wonderful season."): _____

In the next sentence () 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 winter?").

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) Sledding is a fun activity that can only be enjoyed in winter. (Detail Sentence) Find the steepest hill you can and push off in your sled. (Detail Sentence) The cold wind rushing past your face will make you feel like you are flying. (Detail Sentence) You and your friends will be shouting and laughing in excitement when you suddenly reach the bottom of the hill. (Concluding Sentence) Without a doubt, you will be rushing back up the hill as fast as you can for another run on your sled!

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 beginning of each concluding sentence you write.

Transitional Words and Phrases

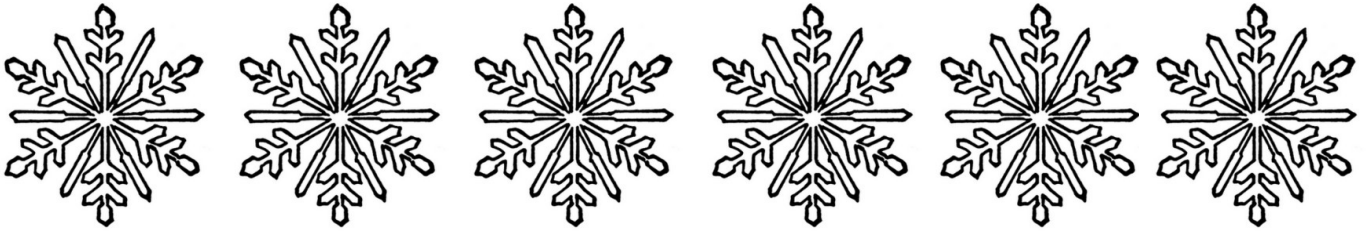
certainly	undoubtedly	to be sure
finally	moreover	in fact
indeed	after all	therefore
next	additionally	in other words
afterwards	in conclusion	also
further	obviously	for this reason

2. Body Paragraph

Topic Sentence _____

Three Detail Sentences

Concluding Sentence



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