

# Paragraph Patterns

# Common Organizational Patterns

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# Description



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**Coco Puff's face concealed his sweet nature and portrayed him as a fighter. The Shar Pei's head was broad, his snout smashed in as if he had been punched squarely in the nose. Folds of sagging skin hung over his massive jaws. Slightly cocked ears added to his pugnacious look. Beneath his ears, short, velvety taupe fur covered the loose skin that formed deep wrinkles above his eyes. Sparkling with confidence, his dark brown eyes seemed to dare his opponent to come closer.**

# Time Sequence/Process

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If you really want to annoy your college instructor, follow these important steps.

- First of all, don't come to the first class meeting.
- When the irritated instructor...
- As soon as the professor has resumed his lecture...
- When he asks a question...
- Five minutes before class is over...

# Illustration/Example

**The Wellness Center at Oklahoma City Community College provides several facilities designed to keep students and staff physically fit. For example, the weight room is packed with machines and free weights for those who are interested in strength training. It also offers step machines, stationary bicycles, and tread mills for cardiovascular exercise. Another facility is the Olympic- sized swimming pool. Students and staff can swim laps or take a water-aerobics class. A final example is the gymnasium, where students can go to play basketball, volleyball, or even tennis. With all these facilities, no one has an excuse to be out of shape!**

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# Classification

Fishermen can be categorized according to the extent of their dedication.

- The first group are those with the short attention span (possibly A.D.D.)

- **Another type is the serious fishermen.**



- **The obsessed anglers make up the final category.**



This fisherman thinks fish, breathes fish, and smells like a fish!

# Comparison/Contrast

- Other than the fact that both are talk shows, *The Jerry Springer Show* and *Oprah* display few similarities.

- **As a host, Oprah is charming, witty, and professional. She encourages rapport with her guests by empathizing in a gentle way.**



# Jerry

- **On the other hand, Jerry Springer seems brash and outspoken. He incites riots by goading people. Violence is a central theme in his shows, which have titles such as “Newlyweds Headed For Divorce” and “I Hate Your Sexy Job.”**

# Jerry



- **Punching people and chair throwing are common occurrences on The Jerry Springer Show. In contrast, Oprah's content is more respectable, with shows about exercise, best-selling books, and celebrities. Even though the guests on Oprah's show are enthusiastic, they never jump up and crack someone over the head with a chair. Oprah's audience may be calmer because it consists mainly of women in their 30's -50's while Jerry's audience contains teenagers and people in their 20's. It is probably safe to say that neither audience is interested in the other's show!**

# Cause



# Cause/Effect

**Adopting a new puppy is an exciting experience, but it can create havoc at your house.**

- A puppy is used to being with its mother and siblings, and its reaction to being alone at night can be most irritating. When the puppy is placed in his box or shut in the laundry room, his howls echo through the house. Even if the howling stops after thirty minutes or so, whimpers and moans continue throughout the night.**

- **In addition to feeling sorry for the puppy, the family begin to feel short-tempered and irritable because of their lack of sleep. Another effect the puppy creates is the total destruction of the house. Slippers chewed to tatters, curtains shredded, and trashcans overturned are just a few of the puppy's capers. Moreover, the house begins to emit the distinct smell of urine, and the carpeting is ruined by the puppy, who is struggling with house-training.**

- **The puppy can even be responsible for family arguments. Children argue over whose turn it is to feed the puppy, who has to clean up the latest mess, and who wanted the dog in the first place! Even though these disruptions are painful at the time, they begin to abate as the puppy grows older.**

# Effect



**The End**