

Exercise #1: Place the following items in the proper position in the outline:

Seahawks

Play at Safeco Field

Professional teams in Seattle

Play at Qwest Field

Mariners

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Exercise #2: Do the same as Exercise #1, except leave out items that don't belong.

Warm and beautiful

New York City

Great snow skiing

Very cold in Winter

Great vacation spots in America

Great plays and museums

North Bend

Hawaii

Sharks attack swimmers sometimes

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3.

2.

3.

Exercise #3:

1. Explain exactly why you put the items where you did.
2. Explain exactly why you left out the items you did.
3. Write 2 or 3 rules that define the organizational principles you are using here.

Principles:

1. The further right you indent, the more specific the information must be.
2. Each item must relate directly to the item it is indented under; this way everything will relate to its topic sentence and to the thesis.
3. #1 is the thesis; #2's are topic sentences; #3's are usually "Concrete Details/CD's/Examples, though this is not always the case.
4. Ones can become twos, twos can become threes, or vice versa, etc.

5. Theoretically, there is no limit to how far to the right or how far down an outline can expand
6. You need to keep going to the right until you have a CD/example; then, you indent one step further for your “Commentary”/analysis.

NOTE: this is a format for highly structured, highly formal essays which require very tight organization. This is highly formulaic and you will, hopefully, eventually break away from this strict structure; this will happen ONLY after you have mastered this!

Exercise #4: Take your outline for Exercise #2 and expand it the following ways:

1. Add three more #2's.
2. Expand so that you have two #3's for each #2.
3. Add a #4 for each #3.

Make sure you are following the principles of organization for outlining.

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Exercise 5: Great Vacation Spot Essay:

Write an essay where you take ONE of the #2's in your outline and expand it into a 5 paragraph essay. Your outline format will be as follows (NOTE: your intro and conclusion will be added but won't be a part of your outline other than the thesis statement:

1. Thesis Statement
2. Topic Sentence
3. CD
4. CM
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3. CD
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3. CD
4. CM
4. CM
2. Topic Sentence
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2. Topic Sentence
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1. Great vacation spots in America

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