

TIDE Sentence Starters

Use these sentence starters to help organize your writing using the TIDE strategy. These are just suggestions, so be creative.

T – Topic Sentence

Use words from the prompt to start your topic sentence. Rearrange the words to form the beginning of a sentence that states your answer to the question.

I – Important Evidence

- For example, evidence shows that ...
- According to the article ...
- A clear example of this is ...
- In the text, it states ...
- The article explains ...
- A study found that ...
- One important fact is ...
- In support of this idea, it was found that ...
- A helpful statistic is ...
- One strong piece of evidence is ...

D – Detailed Explanation

- This shows that ...
- This means that ...
- This helps explain why ...
- As a result, the reader can understand that ...
- This supports the idea because ...
- This detail matters because ...
- The example proves that ...
- This helps demonstrate that ...
- This connects to the topic by ...
- This reveals that ...

E – Ending Sentence

- That is why ...
- For these reasons, ...
- To summarize, the evidence supports ...
- To sum up, ...
- These facts show that ...
- Overall, it is clear that ...
- In the end, the evidence shows that ...
- Based on the available evidence, ...
- As the evidence shows, ...
- In the final analysis, ...