

Difference Between an Essay and a Paragraph

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Learning Outcomes

- 1. Know the difference between a paragraph and an essay.*
- 2. Understand what a thesis statement is.*

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The Difference between a Paragraph and an Essay



Paragraph



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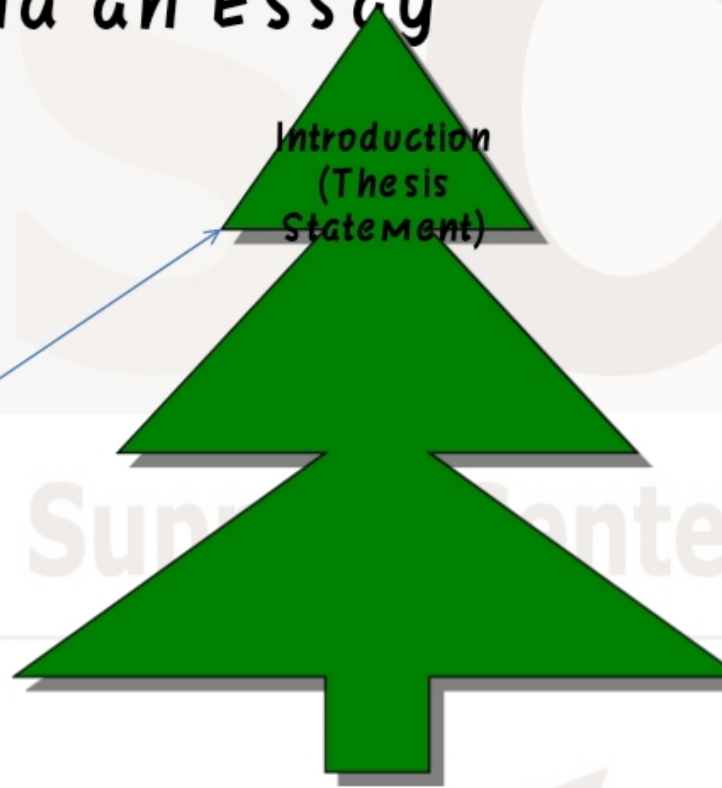
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Topic Sentence



Paragraph

Introduction
(Thesis
Statement)

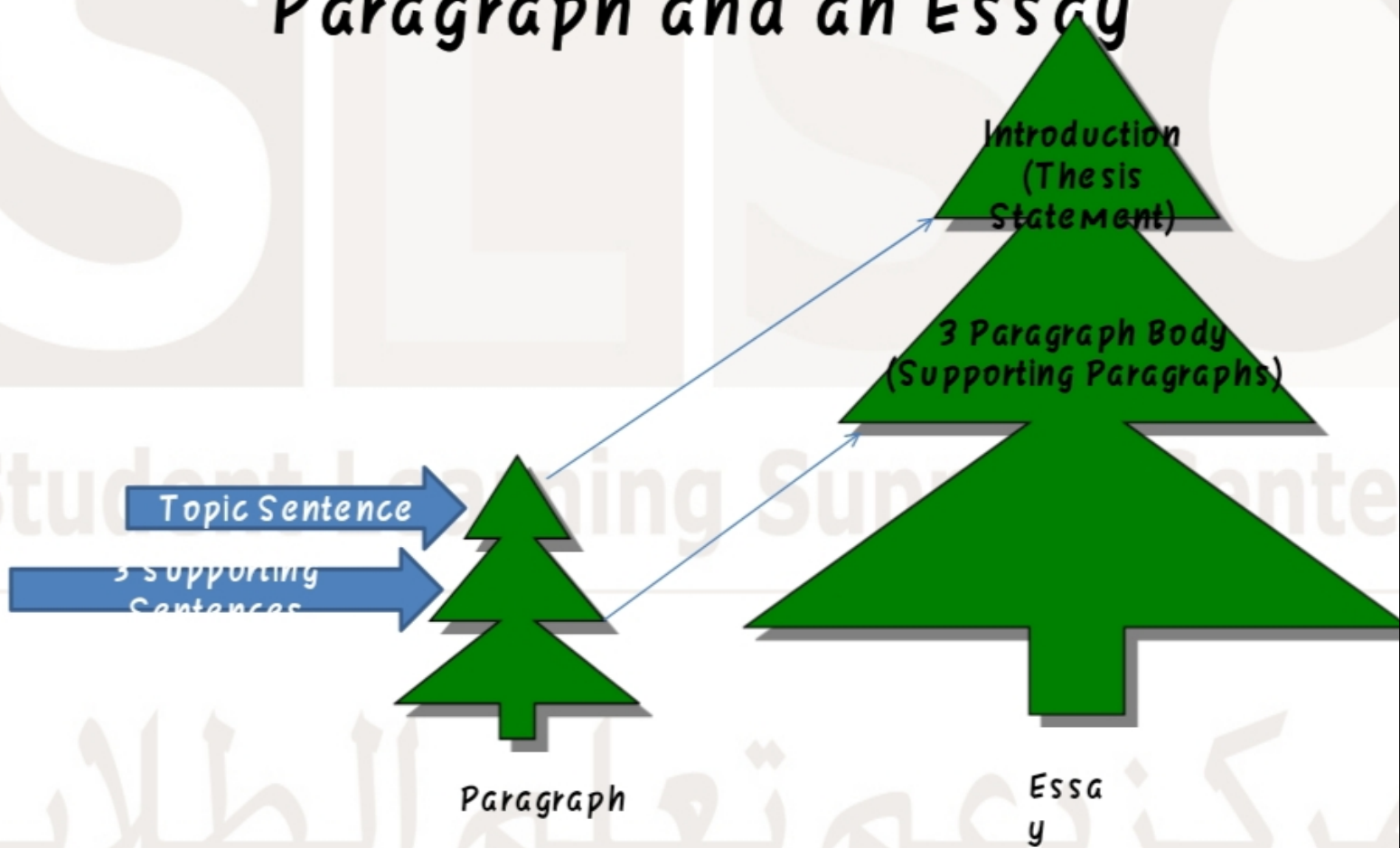


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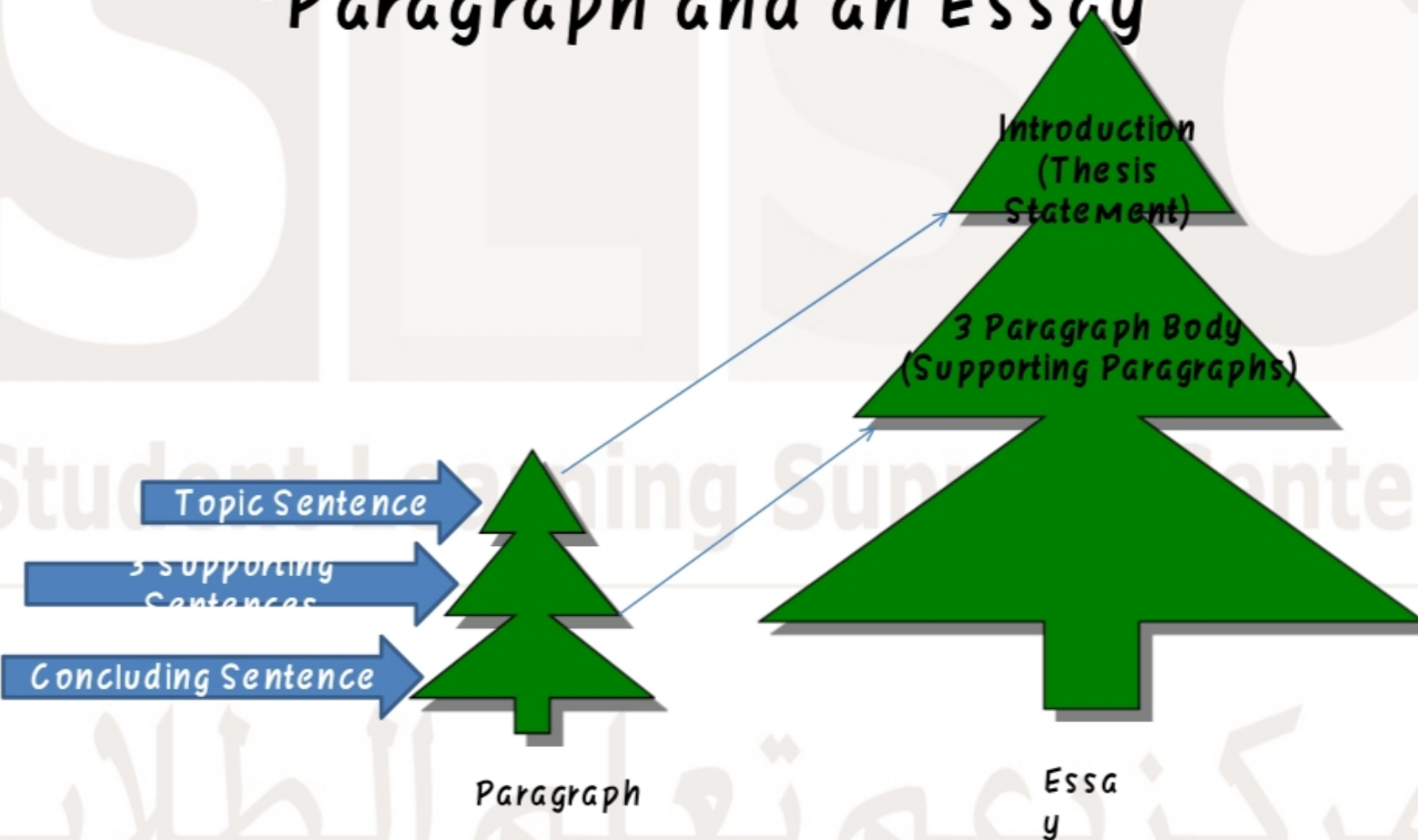
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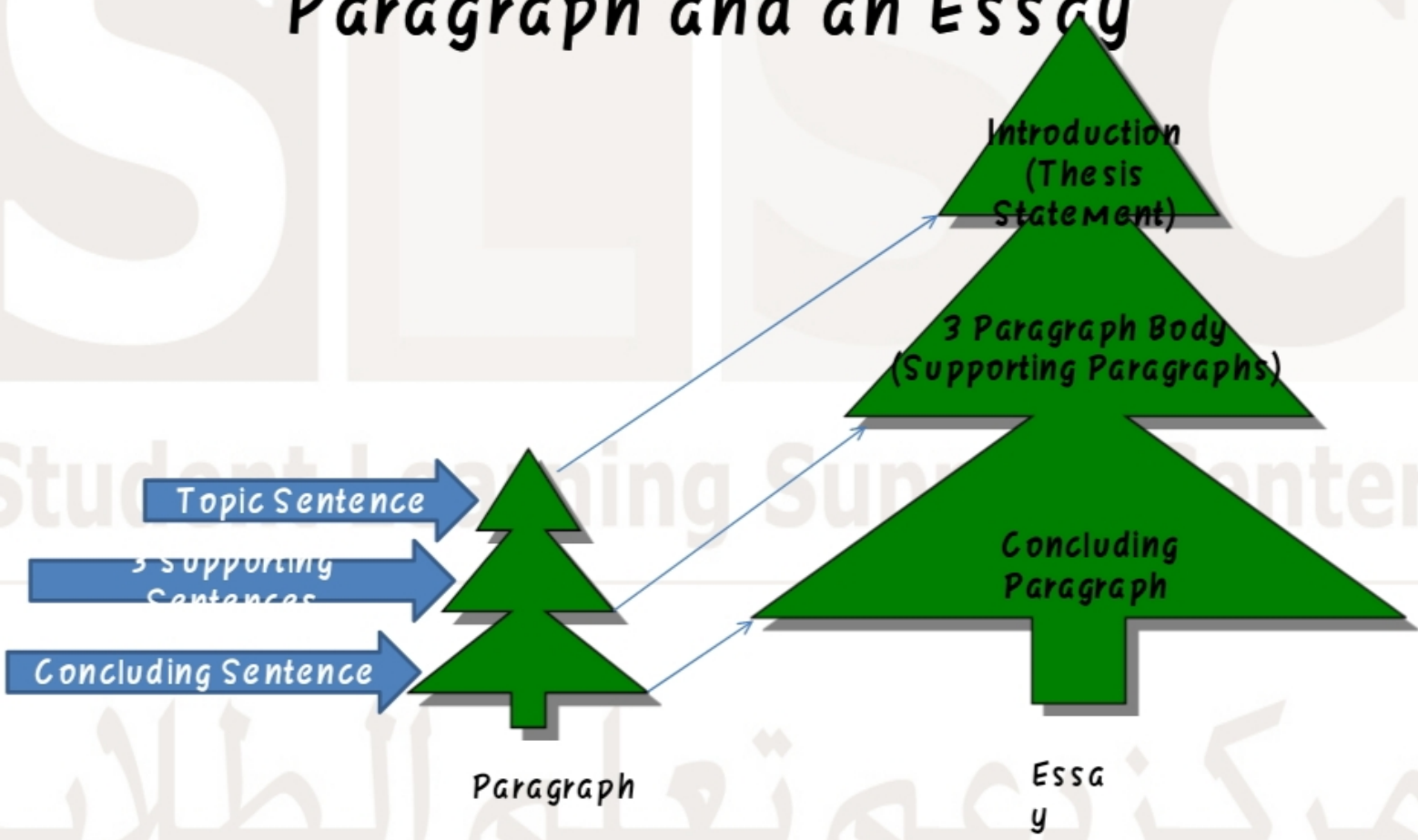
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Paragraph

Essay

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Paragraph

- Smoking Cigarette can cause real health problems. Smoking increases the risk of heart attack. People may also suffer from lung cancer later in life. There is also the risk of gum cancer in those who smoke a lot. Smoking can only bring dangerous and fatal diseases and nothing else.

Paragraph

Topic
Sentence

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Supporting
Detail 2

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Supporting
Detail 3

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Concluding
Sentence

Essay

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Thesis
Statement

Essay

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Physical
Damage

Economical
Damage

Social Damage

Thesis Statement

- It shows:



What YOU think about the topic.



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Thesis Statement

- It shows:



What YOU think about the topic.



Others might disagree with you

You need to have enough evidence to support it

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A Good Thesis Statement

- Answers the questions "how" and "why"
- Makes some groups disagree with you
- Is clear. It just doesn't say something is "bad" or "good".
- It does not mention the first person. (In my opinion," "I believe")

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A Bad Thesis Statement

- Doesn't say anything about the position of the writer on the topic. (We don't know if s/he is against it or for it)
- Wants to talk about many unclear ideas at the same time.
- Talks about something that everybody agrees.

Quiz

Good Thesis Statement vs Bad Thesis Statement

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Good Thesis Statement vs Bad Thesis Statement

- I am going to tell you about the Aspire city.
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BAD!



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- Deadly accidents in Doha still occur because the traffic rules are not strong enough.
- There are some **BAD!** negative and positive aspects to living in Al-Wakra.
- In order to motivate the students to study better, the co-education system should be introduced at Qatar University.

Title

Background information, interesting or shocking statistics, anecdote, etc. Thesis Statement (A, B, C)

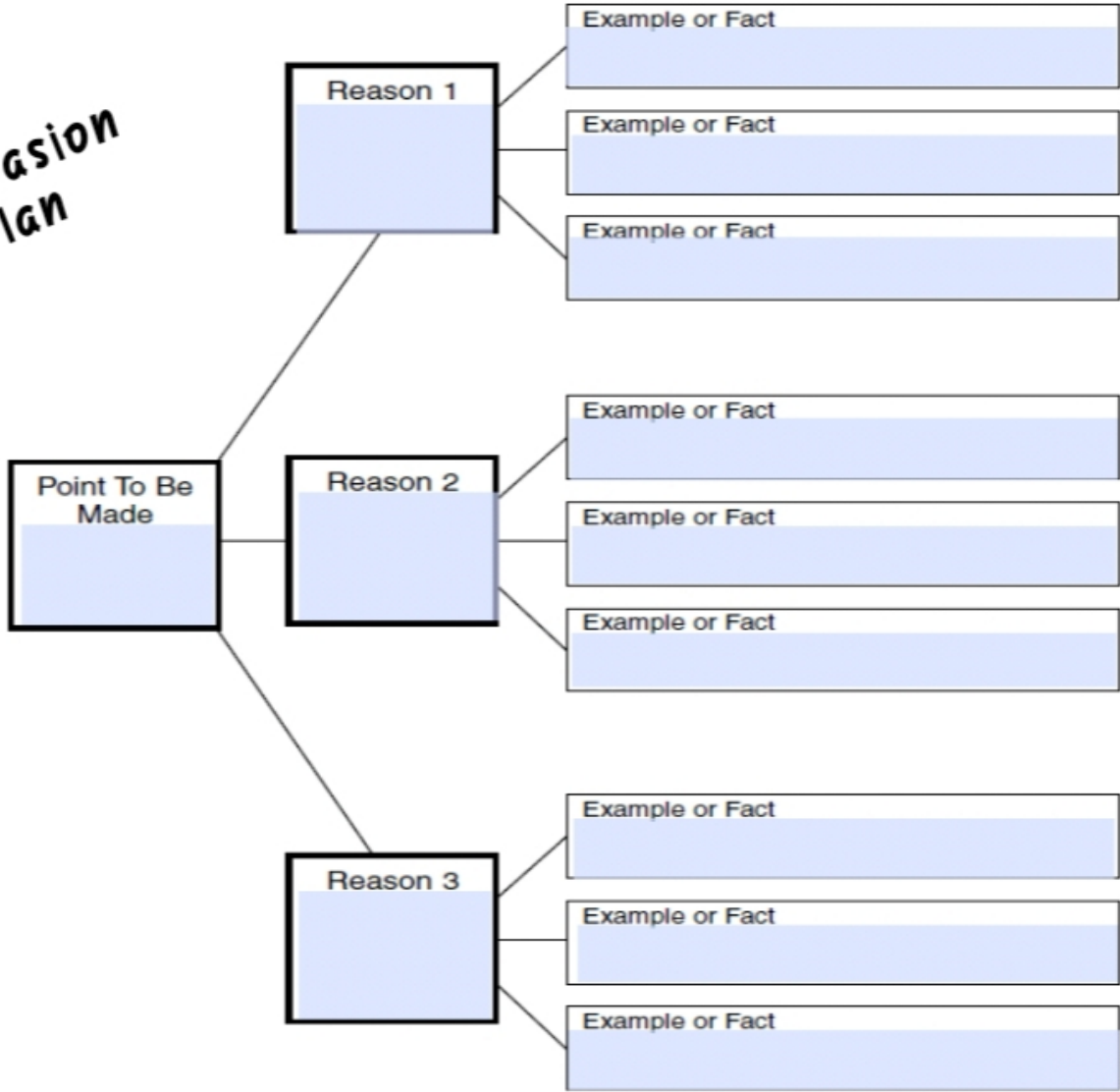
Talk about A. Details, support, evidence.

Talk about B. Details, support, evidence.

Talk about C. Details, support, evidence.

Concluding paragraph: Summary of what you wrote in another word (paraphrasing), giving suggestion or prediction about the future.

Persuasion Plan



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