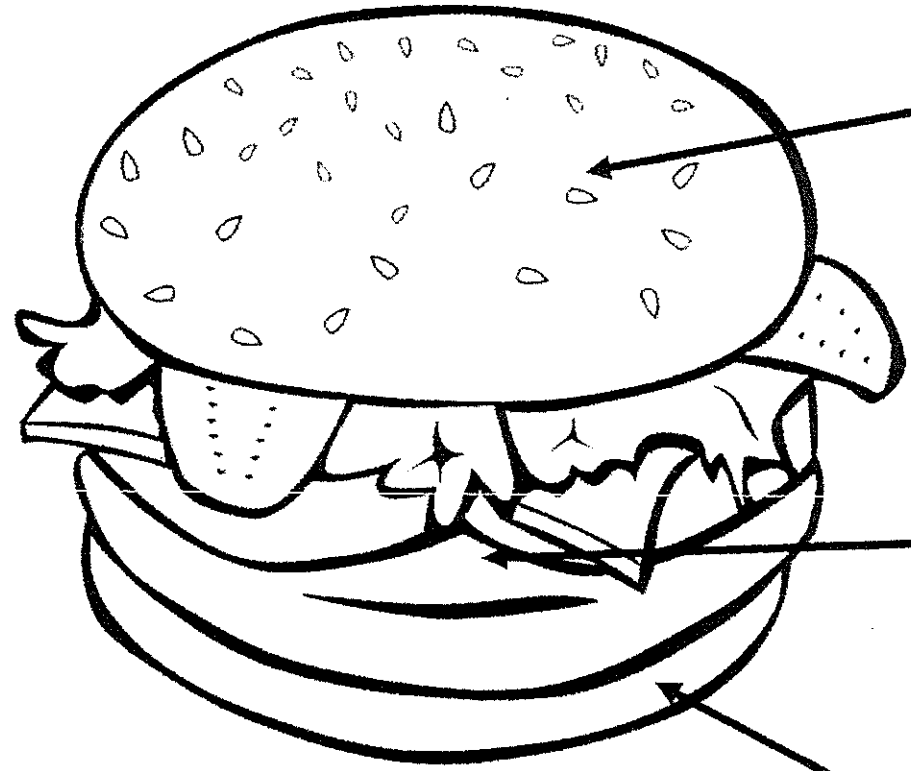


# THE HAMBURGER METHOD

## Incorporating Supporting Details and Direct Quotes Into Your Writing



### TOP BUN - OPENING

Restate the question or point you are trying to prove, and introduce your answer or opinion. (1-2 sentences)

### BURGER & FIXINGS - SUPPORTING DETAILS and/or DIRECT QUOTE, with EXPLANATION

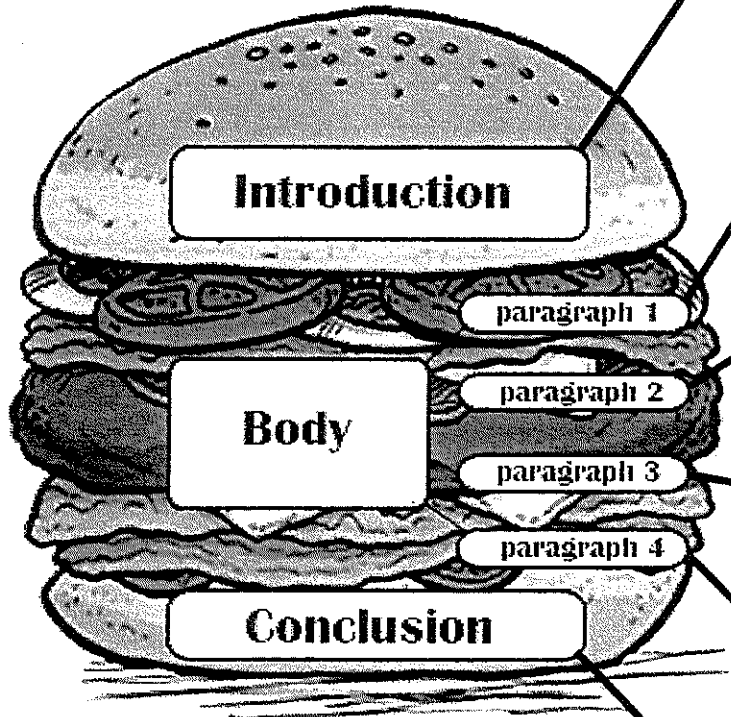
This is the "meat" of your paragraph. Insert a quote or example that supports your answer or opinion. Use a transitional phrase, ("for example...") to introduce your quote directly. Then, add details that explain how your quote supports your answer or opinion. (2-4 sentences)

### BOTTOM BUN - CLOSING

Conclude your paragraph with another supportive statement that summarizes your answer or opinion. (1-2 sentences)

*Direct quotes* can be used to strengthen your writing and support your ideas and opinions. When you use direct quotes, you need to use them in combination with your own words. Try to visualize that the quotes are "sandwiched" by your own writing. The meat of the burger is incomplete on its own, so you need to add the layers of a burger to make

# How to structure my essay!



A series of six empty, rounded rectangular boxes on the right side of the page, connected by lines to the corresponding parts of the hamburger diagram. These boxes are intended for students to write their own notes or answers related to the essay structure.