

Paragraph Structure

Directions: Rewrite each paragraph by rearranging the sentences so that they have a clear topic sentence and coherent structure.

Paragraph 1

Furthermore, there was an occasion when Harmon suggested that Mrs. Lime, the town librarian, give Aunt Iola a few pointers on how to fulfill her wifely duties in the bedroom. Undoubtedly many nights passed with Aunt Iola desperately holding back her tears because crying would incite Harmon to violence. It was a ritual for him to boast of his sexual conquests to his buddies while his wife silently prepared plates of food for them or replaced their empty beer cans with full ones. Harmon Vanhorn had sacrificed his wife's self-respect for the sake of his own pride. On the rare occasions when he allowed her to have visitors, he would ridicule her for her lack of physical endowments; he once compared her breasts to fried eggs. Nor was Harmon above criticizing his wife in front of others.

Paragraph 2

Another self-destructive habit many college students have is cramming for tests. Many students entering college have extremely poor time management skills. With all that time already devoted toward class and study, some students add additional pressure to their schedules by getting a job. One major problem is procrastination. Fatigue can cause loss of concentration during lectures, and careless errors on exams increase greatly when a student is tired. After hours spent in class, then a full day spent at work, many students are simply too exhausted to productively study or do homework. Some students will wait till the night before a project is due before starting it, quickly rushing through the project, making careless errors, and getting little rest that night. Often this cramming session takes place the night before, or even the morning of, the test, wherein the student tries to cover many weeks' worth of material in a few hours. This method of studying is almost worthless because the student will never retain any of the knowledge he or she studied. Yet another sign of poor time management is lack of proper rest. While this job may be necessary, many people will schedule themselves for more hours than they can handle, not leaving enough time for study or homework. But the most obvious sign of poor time management is attending parties instead of studying. Supervisors will sometimes threaten to fire a student if he or she is unable to meet the assigned hours, so some students will work 8 or 10 hours after being in class in the morning.