Extremely elementary academic paragraph writing

Brainstorm ideas for the topics below.

stomach ache
Causes / Effects

1. don't eat regular meals
2. eat spicy food
3. eat too much

insomnia
Causes / Effects

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

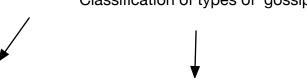robot assistant
Opinion
For/ Against

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

bicycles vs cars
Comparison
Similarities / Differences

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Classification of types of gossip

1. _____

2. _____

3.. _____

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Choose a topic from the previous page and write an outline. Expand your ideas into complete sentences as in the example.

Example (causes of stomach aches)

1. don't eat regular meals	1. First, if you don't eat regular meals, your stomach may be upset.
2. eat spicy food	2. Second, people who eat very spicy food often get stomach aches.
3. eat too much	3. Third, eating too much can cause problems for your digestion system.

Causes

There are three main causes of ………………

First,……………

Second,…………………..

Third,……………………….

In conclusion,……………….

Effects

There are three effects of ………………

First,……………

Second,…………………..

Third,……………………….

In conclusion,……………….

Comparison (differences)

There are three important differences between …………………………and …………………..

First,……………

Second,…………………..

Third,……………………….

In conclusion,……………….

Comparison (similarities)

There are three interesting similarities between ………………………………and …………………..

First,……………

Second,…………………..

Third,……………………….

In conclusion,……………….

Classification

There are three types of …………………………….

First,……………

Second,…………………..

Third,……………………….

In conclusion,……………….

Opinion

In my opinion, there are three good reasons why…..

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First,……………

Second,…………………..

Third,……………………….

In conclusion,……………….

Now write a full paragraph. The paragraph should include a topic sentence (containing the main idea), support sentences and a conclusion. Add examples and details to the support sentences.

Example:

Causes of Stomach Aches

There are **three main causes** of stomach aches. **First**, if you don't eat regular meals, your stomach may be upset. Just like the other parts of your life, your body needs to follow a schedule. **Second**, people who eat very spicy food often get stomach aches. This may be followed by vomiting or diarrhea. **Third**, eating too much can cause problems for your digestion system. Consequently, you may feel very uncomfortable. **In conclusion**, you will have a healthy stomach if you eat small quantities of healthy, clean food at the same times each day.

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Paragraph examples

Comparison

There are three important differences between riding a bicycle and driving a car. First, a car is the very expensive while bicycles are quite cheap. If you ride a bicycle, you can save a lot of money. Second, riding a bicycle is good for your health. You can exercise on the way to work. However, if you drive a car, you could become very lazy and feel sleepy when you arrive at work. Third, it's usually very easy to park your bicycle. In contrast, parking a car can be a nightmare and might make you feel stressed out. In conclusion, if it's convenient, ride a bicycle as it has financial, health and emotional benefits.

Opinion

I believe there are three reasons why a robot helper is a good idea. First, a robot helper can provide you with everyday information. You can ask it questions. For example, you might ask your robot questions about the time, the weather, the air quality and anything else that crosses your mind. Second, a robot helper can do simple tasks. It can sweep the floor, turn on the lights and do other useful tasks around the house. Third, a robot helper can provide companionship. You can chat with it and play games with it and your loneliness will disappear. In conclusion, a robot helper can make your house comfortable and friendly, especially if you live alone.

Classification

There are three types of gossip. First, there is friendly gossip. This kind of gossip is just friends chatting about the lives of others. It is just giving information about who got a job, who got married, who had kids and so on. A second type of gossip is about embarrassing situations. This kind of gossip is usually funny. It's gossip about misunderstandings, weird or strange behavior and other awkward situations. The third kind of gossip is nasty gossip. This kind of gossip is designed to hurt people. People often like to expose men or women who are betraying their partners by having affairs. In conclusion, gossip is fun, but you have to be careful about the secrets you reveal to others.