

# PEDAL Paragraph Writing in English

- **P**- Point/topic sentence: *WHAT* are you trying to argue?  
This statement sums up your answer/ para
- **E**- Example: *WHAT* supports your argument/ for a text -  
events in the text
- **D**- Detail: *HOW* does your evidence support your argument
- **A**- Analysis: *HOW* does it relate to you/ your peers and  
society at large - Expand, explain and elaborate
- **L**- Link: **SUMMARISE** your argument and clearly conclude  
your views

# PEDAL Sentence Starters

Use these sentence starters to help you write your PEDAL paragraphs

<b>P</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>L</b>
<b>Point</b>	<b>Example</b>	<b>Detail</b>	<b>Analysis</b>	<b>Link</b>
First of all...	For example...	This shows...	Furthermore...	From this we can conclude...
It can be argued that...	This is illustrated by...	This means...	Therefore this means...	It is clear that...
Another point to consider is...	This can be seen...	Therefore...	However...	In conclusion...
It is quite obvious that...	Data shows...	Because of this...	It can be argued that...	We can therefore see...

# Sample - Novel

**What has been the most exciting / interesting part of the novel so far? Explain what happened**

P - The most interesting part of my novel so far is that the author mentioned gender stereotypes in the story, as not many books I've read have shown that.

E- In the book, there is a girl named Obayda, her father lost one of his legs in a bomb explosion that caused Obayda and her family to move cities and in the need of good fortune. Obayda's aunt had an idea to turn Obayda into a boy dressing her up as one, thinking that it would bring the family luck. Since that happened Obayda is now Obayd. The author mentioned what guys should do that girls don't do, while in reality those emotions don't have a gender assigned to it.

D - The book "One half from the east" written by Nadia Hashimi has parts in the story that are gender stereotypes. The narrator explains "boys aren't supposed to have weakness. Boys are built of rock and metal. We eat meat and show our teeth. And girls? Girls are made of flower petals and paper bags. They eat berries and sip tea like something might jump out of the hot water and bite them". This shows that the author is trying to show that guys are intimidating and brave, whereas girls are the opposite.

A - The author might have done gender stereotypes to make the story interesting but some people that read the story may feel offended by the sentences the writer used but there would be readers that find it normal because it applies to some people / themselves. In society today some gender stereotypes still exist, we expect both men and women to have their own roles on how to dress, behave and present themselves. Society sees men as strong, protectors that don't show emotions, blue is a boy colour and guys only wear jeans and shirts. Girls on the other hand are known to clean, cook, like the colour pink and wear only skirts and dresses, but in reality nothing has a gender labeled to it .

L - Therefore the most interesting part is that the novel mentioned gender stereotype.

# Sample - Film

*Describe at least one idea that changed your perspective (point of view) in the text. Explain how the idea changed your perspective, supporting your points with visual and / or oral language features.*

An idea that has changed my perspective in this text is V's belief that the citizens could overcome the government if they united. Throughout the text, V is considered to be a symbol of hope and determination.

V has changed my perspective in this film as he is shown to be a very important and dominant character, since he is shown to be the only person in England, who has enough courage to stand up to the government and take action.

V's firm belief of freedom amongst the citizens in England can be seen using an over the shoulder camera shot, showing a tower being blown up, as V's black outline is seen to be waving his hands merrily. This camera shot is effective as it demonstrates how determined V is to bring England peace and freedom.

The political situation that is shown throughout this film is similar to the North Korean government currently. North Korea has an extremely strict government in power, and almost everything is monitored by the authority. This government can be compared to the Norsefire Party as they both have a similar determination to have complete control over their fearful citizens.

The idea of V, highlights hope and determination, which contributes to one of the reasons V is an important idea, that has changed my perspective in this text.

# Sample Expository Essay

## ***We should ban the use of all fireworks in NZ***

When a firework goes off metal salts and explosives undergo a series of chemical reactions that release smoke and gases into the air, these gases affect our planet in a dangerous manner.

A study done in 2007 by a group of researchers during the lantern festival in Beijing analysed the chemical reactions that occur during a firework display.

They found that after the fireworks erupted the levels of dangerous chemicals in the air was five times the normal amount, these chemicals included gases such as nitrogen dioxide and sulfur. A high concentration of sulfur can harm trees and plants by damaging their health and slowing down growth, SO<sub>2</sub> and other sulfur oxides can also create acid rain which is harmful to many ecosystems.

With the rising use of fireworks, greenhouse gas levels are also rising, forcing our planet to go through climate change and global warming. It is essential that young people like you and I take action and work to protect our planet, the existence of future generations relies on how well we can look after this planet and keep it habitable.

Banning the use of fireworks will prevent dangerous chemicals entering into our biosphere, putting our planet at risk of being too toxic for human or any life for that matter.