**Persuasive Paragraph Structure**

# Parts of a paragraph:

*Topic Sentence* -introduces the **main idea** of your paragraph – **everything relates back** to this sentence

-answers the question: what is this paragraph about?

-also lists your 3 points/reasons

*Body and transitions* -**points and examples** that help to develop or **prove your main idea**

-usually 3 points to support your idea with an example for each

-between each point you need a transition word (firstly, secondly, in addition, in conclusion…) – shows the reader you’re moving on to another point

-structure:

 Sentence 1 - transition word + point

 Sentence 2 - example and explanation

*Concluding sentence*-**sums up** what you’ve said and **restates** the main idea

**Paragraph Example – label each part of the paragraph with one of the following words:**

Topic Sentence, Point, Example, Explanation, Transition, Concluding Sentence

I like many TV shows, but my favourite TV show is *Friends* because it’s funny, it’s relatable, and it’s realistic. To begin, *Friends* is a very funny show. For example, in one episode, Rachel and Chandler are so obsessed with cheesecake that they eat it off the ground. I find this really funny and it is one reason why I like the show. Another reason I like the show is because it’s relatable. I’m the same age now as some of the characters and am going through the same things, like moving and starting a family. I can connect with what they’re going through, so it makes me like the show. Finally, I like *Friends* because it’s realistic. The characters have many real-life problems like getting fired, getting married, and having children. This makes the show easy to relate to as well. In conclusion, because *Friends* is funny, relatable, and realistic, it is my favourite TV show.

Now, underline and label another example of the following:

Transition, Point, Example, Explanation