

Directions: Identify each of the following paragraphs as cause and effect, comparison-contrast, problem-solution, or sequence of events. Then, highlight the thesis statement.

1. My mother yelled at me for running through my house when I was about seven or eight years old. One second I was laughing and the next I was on my face. Because of a hula-hoop and my hard head, I broke my nose. Therefore, I have never left a hula-hoop out while sprinting and not listening to my mom. \_\_\_\_\_
2. Chewing tobacco is a little different from cigarettes because you leave the chewing tobacco in your mouth. It does not cause your breath to smell as bad as cigarettes, but it does cause mouth cancer. While it costs less than cigarettes, I wouldn't recommend it because it is just as bad. Chewing tobacco eats away your gums. \_\_\_\_\_
3. *The community has been complaining about the lack of quality education in our schools. Parents say teachers need to be held accountable for their children's education. No, the problem is much broader than teacher accountability.* \_\_\_\_\_
4. **Household pets as cats and dogs can bring families a lot of joy. While many people prefer one or the other, I think that both cats and dogs make excellent family pets.**  
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5. I can't find what I need for school because my room is so messy. I have to dig through piles of laundry just to find my binder. If my room was clean, my binder would be in plain sight. I could have a specific spot for it, such as on a table. \_\_\_\_\_
6. The history of money is interesting. Bronze coins were probably invented in ancient China, but they were not round in shape. The Lydians in 600 BC were the first to produce those. They stamped special images and marks on the sides of the coins. As time went on, trade among countries increased, and coins came into even wider use. It is likely that the ancient Chinese also developed some form of paper money, but it was not until 1661 that a Swedish bank issued paper bank notes. In 1988 Australia introduced durable, recyclable plastic bank notes.  
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7. Federal Trade Commission (FTC) attorneys warn consumers that there is no "National Do Not Email Registry." Bogus radio ads and websites claim that consumers can reduce spam (unsolicited email) by registering. Ironically, the result could be more email clutter. Illegal spammers use the lists as "do spam" lists. Fake registries sell spammers the email addresses they collect. There can be another very unpleasant consequence: registering could lead to identity theft. Some fake registries collect personal and financial data that are then used to steal victims' identities. The bottom line is that consumers should not register with any "Do Not Email Registry." \_\_\_\_\_
8. **A strange series of events is associated with the creation of the Nobel Prize. Alfred Nobel invented dynamite in 1867. His goal was create a safer substance that would reduce accidental deaths among workers who used explosives. It was soon used in war to kill and destroy. His invention had made him wealthy, and to make up for the devastation unleashed by his creation, Nobel sought a way to help humankind. He then decided to use his fortune to fund the Nobel Prizes, six international awards given annually for outstanding achievement in chemistry, literature, physics, physiology or medicine, economics, and promoting world peace.** \_\_\_\_\_

Directions: Answer each of the following questions.

9. If you want to write a paragraph describing how to change a flat tire on a car, which pattern would you be most likely to use? \_\_\_\_\_
10. Your criminal justice professor tells the class he is going to present the differences between misdemeanor crimes and felonies. You expect that he will organize the information using which pattern? \_\_\_\_\_