

ORGANIZATION

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- A. I stick with one topic. I never wander.
- B. I chose an organizational pattern that fits my topic, purpose, and audience very well. This pattern helps make my meaning clear.
- C. My transitions build strong bridges between sentences and between ideas.
- D. My opening will grab your attention, and my ending is great.

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- A. I stick with one topic most of the time.
- B. My organizational pattern fits my topic, purpose, and audience.
- C. Most of my transitions work.
- D. My opening leads the reader into the paper.
- E. My ending wraps up main points quite effectively.

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- A. I might have wandered a little from my main topic, but I got back on track!
- B. I have an organizational pattern. I think it fits the task OK.
- C. I used some transitions, but the reader needs to make some connections.
- D. My opening goes with the rest of the paper.
- E. My ending lets you know the paper is finished.

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- A. I wandered from my main topic now and then.
- B. I tried to follow an organizational pattern, but I'm not sure it fits my purpose.
- C. I thought about transitions, but the reader needs to make a lot of connections.
- D. I have an opening and an ending, but they both need work.

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- A. I wrote about too many things. I forgot what my main topic was.
- B. I do not think there is a pattern here. This is more like a messy closet!
- C. I might have one or two transitions, but I'm not sure they connect things clearly.
- D. I think I forgot my ending, too. It just stops.

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- A. This doesn't make any sense. I don't even have a main topic yet!
- B. Pattern? Are you kidding? Nothing goes with anything else.
- C. How could I have transitions when nothing goes with anything else?
- D. There is no opening or ending.

