

Structuring your writing

- Think about your topic and read what others have said about it.
- Begin with a statement that tells what you believe.
- Insert a paraphrase, summary, or direct quotation from a source that confirms, proves, or explains your belief.
- Explain the importance of the source material.
- Explain the connection between your belief and the source material.

Example from your used car article

Statement that tells what you believe

Unfortunately, while many people cherish dreams of owning a brand-new car, buying a new car might not be the best financial decision. On average, a new car loses 11% of its value as soon as you purchase it. For example, if you pay \$25,000 for a car, then its worth immediately decreases to \$22,250, even before you drive it one mile (Browning, 2016). That means that your brand new car loses a large chunk of its value as soon as it leaves the lot! But there is good news for those on a budget and those who want to spend their money wisely. Often, the best solution is to buy a used, or "pre-owned," car.

Paraphrase of information from an expert that supports your belief

Connection between your belief and the source

Importance of the source material