



## Acknowledgements

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Since one of my biggest writing strengths is my ability to see exactly how I should structure a section, I am also able to help others with this aspect of their work. I reviewed Jessica Rideout's paper and she told me she was really struggling with getting each paragraph to have a topic sentence and had problems with some wording and overall couldn't quite figure out what wasn't working in her paper.

### Key

Blue=My comments

Pink=Sections she should take out entirely

Green=A suggested sentence I wrote for her

### Original Section 1 (Jessica's paper)

In today's society, 75% of Americans are considered "job-seekers." (Wilkie) The economy's unemployment rate has stabilized over the last year; however, this economy has struggled to create new high paying jobs, forcing more people to search longer and harder in a stagnant job market. When the job seeker is fortunate enough to have the opportunity to interview for positions in a small business or large corporations, it will be critical to do a lot of research and weigh the pros and cons of the many options within a business. It is just as important to look at the many benefits that we receive within a job as it is to look at the salary. Additionally, the job market is so competitive that some of us will make the mistake of taking the first job we can get without looking deeper into the aspects of the company. It is important to work in a place where we fit in, feel comfortable, and believe our talents are needed and appreciated while also promoting a steady work ethic. While prospecting for a job, you will want to decide whether the company you want to pursue is a small business or a large corporation. Choosing a position within a small business rather than a large corporation will provide us with a better package of benefits.

### Problems:

I thought there was a lot of unnecessary information and the reader could get confused on the point of the paper or get bored reading so much that wasn't relevant. This is the first paragraph, and I thought a short background would be sufficient for an introduction. Also, I felt that her claim statement (last sentence) was weak and did not set her paper up well, so I gave a suggestion to revise it and a suggested sentence that leads up to it.

### My review:

In today's society, 75% of Americans are considered "job-seekers" (Wilkie). *I feel like you should combine these two sentences.* The economy's unemployment rate has stabilized over the last year; however, this economy has struggled to create new high paying jobs, forcing more

people to search longer and harder in a stagnant job market. I am not sure if this part is completely relevant to the point you are trying to make with your paper. When the job seeker is fortunate enough to have the opportunity to interview for positions in a small business or large corporations, it will be critical to do a lot of research and weigh the pros and cons of the many options within a business. It is just as important to look at the many benefits that we receive within a job as it is to look at the salary. Additionally, the job market is so competitive that some of us will make the mistake of taking the first job we can get without looking deeper into the aspects of the company. It is important to work in a place where we fit in, feel comfortable, and believe our talents are needed and appreciated while also promoting a steady work ethic. While prospecting for a job, you will want to decide whether the company you want to pursue is a small business or a large corporation. Choosing a position within a small business rather than a large corporation will provide us with a better package of benefits. (Maybe instead of saying "package of benefits," list the benefits or mention them or something to give more detail and so that the paragraphs can tie back to your claim statement)

Additional comments I made:

This whole first paragraph has a lot that isn't really relevant. You just need to introduce the topic in sort of a broad/simple way and then say your claim statement. I would get rid of the entire section I made pink because it isn't really necessary. Maybe just say something like: "When considering a job, it is important to weigh all the pros and cons of the position. One of the biggest things to consider is whether the company is a small business or a large corporation because there are critical differences between the two." This would introduce your claim statement without confusing the audience. Also, your claim statement is a little bit weak, maybe say: "Choosing a position within a smaller business is more beneficial because the smaller size offers: \_\_\_\_\_ (say the topic of each paragraph)." This sets up your paper so that the body paragraphs can tie back to this main idea.

### Original Section 2:

Small businesses are the backbone of the American economy. They currently represent "99.7 percent of all employer firms while also generating sixty four percent of new jobs." ("How Important are Small Businesses to Local Economies?") Small businesses provide jobs to people who may not be employable by large corporations because they attract people with specific talents that will help future innovation, whereas larger corporations tend to look for people who specialize in a specific field. Thus, they stimulate economic growth within our nation. Without them, I believe our economy would fail because we would lose more than half of the jobs in America. Because small businesses have such a strong structure, they not only provide jobs, but they also offer more personal work environments than corporations.

Problems:

There is no topic sentence that introduces what the paragraph will be about and some of the wording was confusing. Overall I tried to help reorganize the sentences so it flowed better.

My review:

Topic sentence: One of the benefits of small businesses is that they provide jobs to people who may not be employable by large corporations because they attract people with specific talents

that will help future innovation, whereas larger corporations tend to look for people who specialize in a specific field.

Small businesses are the backbone of the American economy. (You need a topic sentence first so the reader knows what this paragraph is about). They currently represent “99.7 percent of all employer firms while also generating sixty four percent of new jobs.” (“How Important are Small Businesses to Local Economies?”) (I feel like instead of directly quoting this you could just include the numbers and combine that with the sentence before this and then cite at the end so that the paper is more of your own word). Small businesses provide jobs to people who may not be employable by large corporations because they attract people with specific talents that will help future innovation, whereas larger corporations tend to look for people who specialize in a specific field. (\*You could make this your topic sentence, move it to the beginning). Thus, they stimulate economic growth within our nation by giving jobs to different groups of people. (I added this to expand on why they stimulate the growth). Without them, I believe our economy would fail because we would lose more than half of the jobs in America. Because small businesses have such a strong structure, they not only provide jobs, but they also offer more personal work environments than corporations. This last sentence sort of confuses me, I would reword it and summarize the paragraph/try to transition into the next if possible.

Additional comments I made:

If you move the section with the \* to the front, it can be your topic sentence:

“One of the benefits of small businesses is that they provide jobs to people who may not be employable by large corporations because they attract people with specific talents that will help future innovation, whereas larger corporations tend to look for people who specialize in a specific field.”