

FRACTURED PARAGRAPHS

I. A PERSONAL REFLECTION

I like Bunnies.

I like their long ears and wiggly noses.

I love how soft their fur is.

My bunny is a Dutch Lop, and his name is Filbert.

If I could, I would have a whole family of bunnies.

I think bunnies are the cutest animals in the whole wide world.

II. A SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

The audience and orchestra quieted as the Concertmistress stepped onto the stage.

When it was silent, she nodded to the oboe player, and he played an 'A' note for the woodwinds to tune to.

After the 'winds and brass had tuned it was the strings' turn.

When the orchestra was finally all tuned up the Maestro stepped onto the stage.

The concert was about to begin.

III. A DESCRIPTION

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IV. AN EXPOSITION

Garter snakes are truly fascinating creatures.

Among species of snakes, they are the only ones that will eat cold and slimy things.

Other snakes will eat small rodents, birds, eggs, or insects, but only garter snakes like worms, slugs, and tadpoles.

Another fascinating thing about garter snakes is that they give live birth to their young, instead of laying eggs.

All in all, garter snakes are very unique snakes, indeed.

V. A DIALOGUE

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Connecting devices:

1st sentence: topic sentence.

2nd sentence: specifies -specifically describes *how* the sunset was beautiful

3rd sentence: reference -'the ocean' in this sentence is first mentioned in the topic sentence

4th sentence: simultaneous events -the 'breeze' mentioned in the last sentence is doing two things at once, and this is the second

5th sentence: summary -one element from all of the previous sentences is included here

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Connecting devices:

1st sentence: establishes scene -there is a game, involving dice

2nd sentence: reaction -'Matt' reacts to events

3rd sentence: next event -we return to the first speaker, conducting the game

4th sentence: new voice -introducing 'Paul' by 'chiming in'

5th sentence: interjection/common theme -another new voice, intruding in the conversation /he also has a 'spell'

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