

Occasion/Position Statements

An occasion/position statement is a complex (two-part) topic sentence.

The first part (Occasion) introduces the *situation* or *reason* for writing.

The second part (Position) states what you plan to *prove* or *explain*.

For Example:

POSITION → If you pick up a pencil your classmate has dropped, ← **OCCASION**
you are showing respect.

Note that the parts of the O/P statement are separated by a comma!

An O/P Statement begins with a subordinating conjunction – one of the words or phrases in the box below:

START WITH...		
If	In order that (to)	As
After	Even though	Until
Since	Although	Where
Before	Unless	Though
So that	While	Even if
Whenever	When	Because
As long as	Even	Wherever
	As if	As soon as