



Strong Topic Sentences (Introduction)

The following are the **topic sentence patterns** commonly used to in the **introduction chapter**. Each subsection in the introduction chapter has its own purpose and sample sentence patterns.

1.1 Introduce General Background Information

- In recent years, there has been considerable interest in _____.
- In recent years, _____ seems to have been more widely accepted.
- _____ in recent year has increased noticeably.
- The effect of _____ has been studied extensively in recent years.
- In the last _____ decades, researchers have given attention to the role of _____.
- Many investigators have recently turned to _____.
- Many studies have focused on _____.
- The study of _____ has gained status as _____ over the past decade.

1.2 Highlight Your Topic within the General Area

- The topic of _____ has received considerable attention.
- _____ continues to be a challenging problem.
- _____ continues to grow at a rapid rate.
- The study of _____ has become an important aspect of _____.
- Knowledge of _____ has a great importance for _____.
- The development of _____ has led to the hope that _____.



- The explication of the relationship between _____ is a classic problem of _____.
- One of the noteworthy features of the current model of _____ is that _____.
- Attention has recently been turned to the problems of _____.
- A steadily growing amount of work is beginning to challenge _____.

1.3 Establish a Niche and Indicate a Gap

- Little literature has been published on _____.
- Little research has been done/conducted on _____.
- Little has been done/conducted, however, to assess the possible contribution of _____.
- Too/Very little attention is given to _____.
- Scant/Very little attention has been put on/paid to _____.
- Relatively little attention has been devoted to other areas of _____.
- Investigations on _____ are still very much in their infancy.
- In some way research into _____ is still in its infancy.
- Many questions concerning _____ still remain unanswered.
- A full explanation for _____ is not yet available.
- The factors that control _____ are poorly known.
- Much less attention is being devoted to the notion of _____.
- Emphasis has been on _____, with scant attention given to _____.
- Researchers have focused primarily on _____, as opposed to _____.
- _____ is an area where little work has been done.

- There has been little direct research that would clarify _____.
- There is, at present, little comparative research evidence to support the claim that _____.
- Interest has been shifting from a limited focus on merely _____ to an expanded focus that also includes _____.
- However, the precise nature of _____ has not been delineated.
- While some literature is available on _____, little information is available on _____.
- Although much research has been devoted to _____, little information is available on _____.
- Although no empirical evidence is yet available to confirm these theoretical proposals, I propose that _____.
- Although considerable research has been done on _____, much less is known as to _____.
- Despite the annotated importance of _____, few researchers have experimentally tested _____.
- Since there appears to be relatively little systematic research in this area, I can only speculate _____.

1.4 Purpose of Research

- The purpose of this study was to ascertain the effect of _____.
- The purpose of the present study is to revisit the concept of _____.
- The main purpose of the experiment reported here was to _____.
- It is the purpose of the present paper to provide _____.
- The aims of this study is to discuss the relevance and usefulness of _____.

- The primary focus of this study is to _____.
- The goal of the present study are the extension of _____, the characterization of _____, and the detailed description of _____.
- The survey had two goals. First, it was intended to _____. Second, it was designed to provide information on _____.

1.5 Research Questions

- The first research question addressed _____.
- Research question 1 in this study examined _____.
- The second research question investigated _____.
- The third research question of this investigation involved _____.
- The next research question focused on the effects of _____ on _____.
- The principal/primary research question in this investigation concerned _____.
- The most important research question motivating this study was _____.
- The research question might be posed as follows:
- Specific research questions addressed in this study were as follows:
 - What is the effect of _____ on _____?
 - Are there differences in the effectiveness of _____?
 - What are the relationships among _____ and _____?
 - To what extent do _____ variables relate to _____?
 - What are the strengths and weaknesses of _____, and how can they be used in _____?

1.6 Value of Research (Research Contribution)

- This research may provide an alternative to the problem of _____.
- This study may lead to a better understanding of _____.
- The present research extends the use of _____.
- The present study may actually help to suggest why it is that _____.
- The result of this study should be useful to _____.
- This holds the promise that the proposed device can be operated at _____.
- _____ have the possibility for practical use in _____ and fundamental research systems.
- Both the factors under investigation in this study may be of importance in explaining _____.
- It would appear that the study of _____ might pose a fruitful and important issue in understanding _____.

1.7 Overview/Summary of the introduction chapter

- This chapter described _____, including _____.
_____ were outlined. _____ was described.
_____ were provided.
- This study is divided into four main sections. Section 1 briefly outlines some of the challenges facing _____. Section 2 provides a brief introduction to _____. Section 3 describes the general design of _____. Section 4 provides an example of _____.