

Although pit bulls were originally bred to fight, they can actually make good pets. (Today, many people are afraid of pit bulls. These dogs are sometimes mistreated. As a result, they become more aggressive. For this reason, they are misunderstood and persecuted. In fact, some cities have taken action against them.) But pit bulls do not deserve their bad reputation. Contrary to popular opinion, they can make good pets.

Fight what and by whom?

why?

how? Abused or not taken care of or trained well?

Examples? What kind of action?

How do they make good pets? Is mistreatment the only cause?

Concluding statement not reworded well and not supported by paragraph.

8 Sentences:

P_(topic)

(P = E + E + E + I)

P

P²_(topic reworded poorly)

vague & unsupported logic chain

Although pit bulls were originally bred to fight, they can actually make good pets. **It is true** that their **powerful** jaws, **short muscular** legs, and **large** teeth are **ideally** suited to fighting, and they were used extensively for this purpose in the rural South and Southwest. **It is also true** that **some** pit bulls - **especially males** - can be aggressive toward other dogs. **However**, **most** pit bulls like human beings and are quite friendly. Owners report that pit bulls are affectionate, loyal, and good **with children**. **When** pit bulls behave viciously, it is **usually** because they have been mistreated. As a recent newspaper article pointed out, the number of reported bites by pit bulls is no greater than the number of bites by other breeds. **In fact**, some dogs, such as cocker spaniels, bite much more frequently. **The problem is that whenever** a pit bull attacks a person, the incident is reported in the paper. **As you can see**, pit bulls do not deserve their reputation. With a little bit of **tender, loving** care, a pit bull can be a welcome addition to any family.

NOTE: transitional language & descriptive language

P¹⁺² **Although** pit bulls were originally bred to fight, + they can actually make good pets.

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Not well developed

Genealogy is the study of a family's lineage, or history. Genealogy is an **interesting and important** field. Some family histories are easier to trace than others. Professional genealogists use both traditional and modern **techniques** to trace a person's lineage. Many people who research their family histories make surprising **discoveries**. Everyone should trace his or her family's history at some point.

Why is it interesting and important? What techniques and discoveries?

Well developed

Consumer items **such as** televisions, clothing, and electronics are selling well. **One reason** they are in such high demand is the growth of the national economy in recent decades. **As a result** of economic expansion, many people are earning more money than they once did. **In addition**, families with two incomes are more common than ever. Some couples who spend most of their time working reward themselves by shopping.

Clear transitional language, qualified subjects.

1. Caffeinated drinks are **very popular**, but caffeine has **negative effects** on **some people**. Beverages that do not contain caffeine are **healthier** than those that do. Decaffeinated soda, coffee, and tea are possible options. Herbal tea and juices are other caffeine-free drinks. The best drink of all, though, is plain water.

Popular with whom? What effects and on whom? No transitions!

P E I I P Illustrative examples don't support main point,
but offer solution to **unstated premise**.

Developed (Y / N)

2. **Last Saturday**, the marching band gave an **excellent** performance at the football game. (The musicians were all **quite talented** and performed with **great energy, especially** when they played a John Philip Sousa march. The drummers, **in particular**, were really lively. Their performance during half-time was **especially** exciting, inspiring fans in the stands to give them a standing ovation.) The director should be congratulated for his work with the band.

P + (I I I) P² The three illustrative sentences both explain and support "**excellent**"

Developed (Y / N)

3. Shad are **fascinating** fish. In some ways, they behave **like** salmon, yet in **other ways**, they are unique. The behavior of shad is **interesting** to **different groups** of people. Their anatomy, too, is of **interest**. **Information** about each fish's history is revealed in its anatomy. For generations, people have been **intrigued** by shad and their behavior.

How do they behave like salmon? How are they different? Why is it of interest and to which groups of people?

P E E P P² No illustrations to support explanations.

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