Paragraph Writing Example of Chart Outline and Fill in the Blank Rough copy filled in

Paragraph Brainstorm chart (point form)

1. Topic sentence: High school sports offer many benefits to the people that participate in them.

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| Reason | Example | Explanation |
| (B)1 Keeps you physically fit | (C)1 training/running in sports like basketball | (D)1 good for your health |
| (E) 2 chance to meet new people | (F) 2 meet team-mates/competitors in practices and competitions | (G) 2 make friends you might not meet otherwise |
| (H) 3 travel | (I) 3 zone tournaments/ provincials | (J) 3 experience new places you might not visit |

(K) Conclusion sentence: Obviously, as one can see, the advantages of taking part in high school sports are numerous.

**Fill in the blank Rough copy of paragraph**

[(A)Topic sentence] High school sports offer many benefits to the people who participate in them. First of all, [(B)reason #1] they keep people physically fit. For example, [(C)example #1] *physical training such as running is often required in sports like basketball.* Since this is the case, [(D)Explanation #1] **participating in sports provides the benefit of being good for your health.** A second reason that supports this is [(E) reason #2] that being in sports gives you the chance to meet new people. For instance, consider [(F) example #2] *the fact that being in sports involves meeting and getting to know team mates and competitors in practices and in competitions.*

Therefore it is obvious, [(G)explanation #2] **that this will result in making new friends that you might not have met otherwise, which is extremely beneficial.** Thirdly, [(H)reason #3] high school sports offer the opportunity to travel. An example of this is [(I) example #3] *when your team goes to tournaments or the provincials in other cities.* As a result, [(J)explanation #3]  **you get to experience new places you might not have visited otherwise, another great advantage. [(K)**Conclusion sentence: (restate topic sentence in a new way.)] Obviously, as one can see, the advantages of taking part in high school sports are numerous.

Key

Reasons are underlined

*Examples are in italics*

**Explanations are in bold**

Transitions are in comic sans font and highlighted in blue

[Things that do not belong in the paragraph are in brackets, labelled with letters corresponding to the paragraph outline chart, and highlighted in yellow.]

Example of good copy of paragraph with edits for improvement

Red words = word changes for improvement- square

Blue words = adjectives and adverbs added for improvement-circle

Green words= Sentence length or order changed- curvy underline

**High school sports offer significant benefits to the people who participate in them. First of all, they keep people in shape. For example, physical conditioning such as running is often required in sports like basketball. Since this is the case, partaking in school sports provides the advantage of being good for your health. A second reason that supports this is that being in sports gives you amazing opportunities to meet new people. For instance, consider the fact that being in athletic sports involves meeting and getting to know team mates and competitors in practices and in competitions. Therefore it is obvious, that taking part in these sporting activities will result in making new friends, which is extremely beneficial. The opportunity to travel extensively is a third advantage that high school sports offers. An example of this is when your team travels to tournaments or the provincial championships, which take place in other cities. As a result, you get to experience exciting new places you might not have visited otherwise, another great advantage. Obviously, as one can see, the advantages of taking part in high school sports are abundant.**