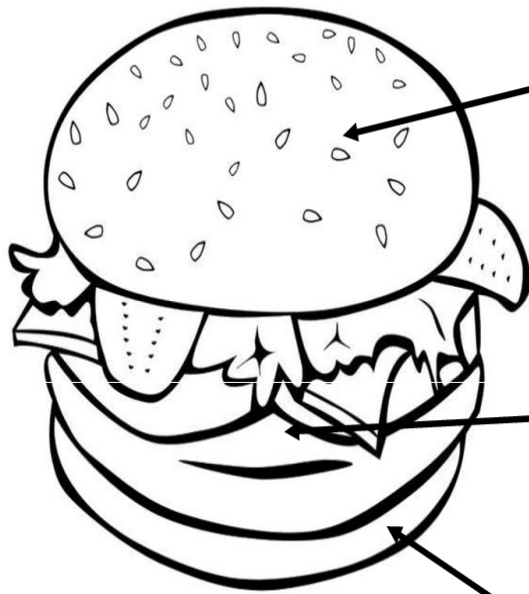


THE HAMBURGER METHOD

Incorporating Supporting Details and Direct Quotes Into Your Writing



TOP BUN - OPENING

Restate the question or point you are trying to prove, and **introduce** your answer or opinion. (1-2 sentences)

BURGER & FIXINGS - SUPPORTING DETAILS and/or DIRECT QUOTE, with EXPLANATION

This is the “meat” of your paragraph. **Insert a quote or example** that supports your answer or opinion. **Use a transitional phrase**, (“for example...”) to introduce your quote directly. Then, **add details that explain** how your quote supports your answer or opinion. (2-4 sentences)

BOTTOM BUN - CLOSING

Conclude your paragraph with another supportive statement that **summarizes** your answer or opinion. (1-2 sentences)

Direct quotes can be used to strengthen your writing and support your ideas and opinions. When you use direct quotes, you need to use them in combination with your own words. Try to visualize that the quotes are “sandwiched” by your own writing. The meat of the burger is incomplete on its own, so you need to add the layers of a burger to make