

Learning Resource Center - Writing Center

Thesis and Forecasting Statements

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Thesis statements are statements that explain the overall concept of the essay without going into great detail. Thesis statements are generally included with the forecasting statement; however, in some instances it may come before the forecast statement.

Forecasting Statements

Forecasting statements are statements that assist the ideas or position of the essay that are stated in the thesis statement. The forecasting statement does not include every concept that is included in the thesis statement; instead, it highlights the main concepts of the essay and provides a path of direction for the essay. Forecasting statements are generally included in the thesis statement; however, in some instances, it may come after the thesis statement.

Example 1:

Separate Thesis Statement:

Pinwheels are useful toys that are a vital tool in the Learning Resource Center.

Separate Forecast Statement:

Pinwheels efficiently notify tutors that a student is ready to be tutored because the pinwheels visibly stand out in contrast to typical school objects, tutors can see the pinwheels at a distance in the LRC, and it prevents students from interrupting tutoring sessions to get the attention of the tutors.

Example 2:

Combined Thesis and Forecast Statements:

Pinwheel toys are a vital tool in the Learning Resource Center and efficiently notify tutors that a student is ready to be tutored because the pinwheels visibly stand out in contrast to typical school objects, tutors can see the pinwheels at a distance in the LRC, and it prevents students from interrupting tutoring sessions to get the attention of the tutors.