

# Pattern Feedback

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# Pattern Feedback: Topic Sentence

Introduce the author, title, and main idea in the same sentence.

## **Student Example #1:**

In this article, Tannen speaks about how society uses communication as a form of hierarchy.

**Author + Title + Main Idea + Controlling Verb**

Use the author's full name!

## **Revision #1:**

In her article "His Politeness is Her Powerlessness," Deborah Tannen asserts that society uses communication as a form of hierarchy.

# Pattern Feedback: Topic Sentence

Introduce the author, title, and main idea in the same sentence.

## **Student Example #2:**

In the speech Deborah Tannen wrote about “you just don’t understand women and men in conversation she talks about the different ways conversations happen between men and women.

**Author + Title + Main Idea + Controlling Verb**

Use the author’s full name!

## **Revision #2:**

*In *You Just Don’t Understand: Women and Men in Conversation*, Deborah Tannen writes about the different ways men and women have conversations.*

# Pattern Feedback: Punctuation & Citations

**Make sure the period is on the inside of the quotation mark!**

## **Student Example:**

Womyn being indirect is seen as weak or as Tannen put it “Covert”.

## **Sentence Revised:**

Womxn being indirect is seen as weak, or as Tannen puts it, “Covert.”

**Capitalization in quotes: you can change the capitalization of a word by putting the first letter of the word in brackets → [ ]**

## **Student Example:**

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## **Sentence Revised:**

Womxn being indirect is seen as weak, or as Tannen puts it, “[c]overt.”

# Pattern Feedback: Transition Words & Phrases

**Commas usually follow a transition word or phrase.**

## **Student Example:**

Then again this is only in america.

## **Sentence Revised:**

Then again, this is only in America.

On our class website under Resources:

## 10 TYPES OF TRANSITIONS

On class website, submit a response for the contact survey.