An argumentative essay has three main parts.

* The **introduction** introduces the topic and provides the **claim** that will be the focus of the argument.
* **Body** paragraphs guide the argument with **reasons** and **evidence**.
* The **conclusion** reviews the main points of the argument.

Within each section, writers use **transition words and phrases** to show relationships between sentences and ideas.

The argument below is out of order. Organize the paragraphs:

* **Label** the sections with **Introduction**, **Body 1**, **Body 2**, and **Conclusion**.
* **Underline** transition words and phrases.

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|  | In conclusion, the benefits of factory automation outweigh the disadvantages. Factory automation continues to make progress for people in society. |
|  | In addition, automation can prevent humans from doing dangerous or repetitive tasks that may cause injury. |
|  | The advantages of factory automation outweigh the disadvantages because modern factories create multiple gains for consumers, workers, and companies. |
|  | First of all, factory automation improves product quality control by reducing human error. |

Vocabulary Supports

**Body**—the main part of an argumentative essay, which follows the introduction and presents the reasons, evidence, and reasoning to support the writer’s claim

**Claim**—an arguable position on an issue

**Conclusion**—the last part of an essay, which summarizes the writer’s argument and offers closing thoughts

**Introduction**—the first part of an essay, which tells the reader what the essay will be about and presents the writers claim

**Transition**—words or phrases that connect or help show the relationships between ideas