

The Thesis statement – Practice-

1. A thesis is not a question

An introductory paragraph ends with a thesis statement (a declarative sentence -simple, complex, compound- or more). A thesis cannot be expressed in an interrogative sentence (question); it is rather a hypothetical answer of a question.

Question : NOT A THESIS	THESIS STATEMENT
What is the role of the father in the family?	The father ought to participate more in the education of children.
Why are charity works important?	Charity works become a communal refuge to help the low-income families, improve the quality of education for poor students and establish strong social bounds.
Are politicians honest enough to be given votes ?	Dishonesty and bad reputation make it difficult for politicians to gain citizens' votes

2. It is not an Announcement of the Subject

A thesis expresses the writer's standpoint. It states an attitude toward the subject. It is not the subject itself.

ANNOUNCEMENT: NOT A THESIS	THESIS STATEMENT
My subject is the usefulness of online teaching in my university.	Online teaching in my university proves to be failing in meeting learner's expectations of remote education.
I want to share some thoughts with you about our health care services.	Algerian health care sector encounter serious deficiencies in terms of poor services, lack of professional doctors and old infrastructures.
The many unforeseen problems I encountered when I first travelled abroad are the topic of this theme.	I encountered many unforeseen problems when I first travelled abroad .
This paper will attempt to tell you something about the feelings I had when I met my old school best friend after a long absence.	After a long absence, I met my best friend which brought back a lot of nostalgic feelings of old days of childhood.
The thesis of this paper is the difficulty of solving our environmental problems.	Solving our environmental problems is more difficult than many environmentalists believe.

3. A thesis statement is not a fact

A thesis makes a judgment of interpretation. It does not tell readers facts.

- Barack Obama is the 44th president of the United states (Factual thesis)

During Obama's term in office, the United States' international reputation and the American economy has been generally regarded favorably by Americans themselves. (Arguable, well-focused thesis statement)

- ‘Romeo and Juliet’ is written by Shakespeare.

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- Suicide is the deliberate taking of one's own life.

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- The irrational or obsessive fear of insects is known as ‘Entomophobia’.

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4. A good thesis is restricted (well-focused)

The thesis stating that “the class of educational psychology is your favorite university class for it does not only help me better understand the learner’s psyche, but also helps me learn and retain knowledge effectively” is a way better than a thesis statement on educational psychology in general. A good thesis deals with restricted, well-defined ideas rather than ideas that would require lengthy composition. The more restricted the thesis, the better the chances are for supporting it fully.

POOR	BETTER
The world after the pandemic is in a terrible instability.	The international lockdown policies due to Covid 19 contributed into the instability of the developing countries’ economies.
University students are selfish.	Selfishness among university students is seen at its worst during examination periods.
The Algerian touristic industry industry encounters many problems.	The worst problem of the Algerian touristic industry is the absence of a clear state policy to promote tourism besides the absence of a culture that welcomes foreign tourists.
Administrative corruption must be stopped.	The state is urgently called for a more severe laws against bribery.

5. A good thesis is unified.

The thesis expresses one major idea about its subject. A good thesis may sometimes include a secondary idea if it is strictly subordinated to the major one, but without that subordination the writer will have too many important ideas to handle, and the structure of the essay will suffer.

POOR	BETTER
Reducing the study load for young learners does not only help them retain knowledge better but also give them extra time for outdoor activities; however, parents and teachers should collaborate to help the kids learn more effectively.	Less study load helps young learners find time for outdoor activities as well as develop better knowledge retention.
The new health program is excellent, but it has several drawbacks, and it should be run	The new health program should be run only on experimental basis for two or three years.

only on experimental basis for two or three years.	<p>OR</p> <p>Despite its general excellence, the new health program should be run only on an experimental basis for two or three years.</p>
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Practice

Make better versions for these poorly written these statements

POOR	BETTER
Democracy is a form of governing people through representatives.	
Dropping out of school minimizes the chances to find a job.	
Drug addiction is a big problem.	
Our vacation was a tremendous experience.	
My parents are wonderful people.	