

# Elaboration Structure—Listing

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**Definition:** Listing is exactly what it sounds like! It's just a list of qualities, reasons, etc. that support or explain the topic sentence.

**Completion Checklist:**

1. Does the list support the idea in the topic sentence (without overlapping with the other topic sentences)?
2. Does the list include transition words from one item to the next?

**Length:** 2-4 sentences.

**In Context:**

*The writer proves the topic sentence by listing examples*

Another reason that professional athletes and entertainers should not earn large sums of money is the money could be used to help Americans by using the money for medical research. **Many Americans get well-known diseases, but doctors can't prevent them; they can only slow them down. With all the money that professional athletes and entertainers make, it could be a big help for research for these diseases. The money could also be used for researching diseases that are rare but have no cure or treatment. Another way the money could be used for research is to find better cures than the ones we now have.** Using the large sums of money that professional athletes earn this way could be more beneficial to the American public than trying to entertain them.

(from VDOE exemplar)

**Common transition words:** one, another, also, in addition, furthermore, additionally

**Samples:**

- Being able to access the internet so easily and quickly allows ample room for cheating. Furthermore, it makes it difficult for teachers to catch students being off task. The internet also allows students to post harmful information about other students on websites such as Twitter.
- Having a community center has many advantages. One is that it allows the citizens of the community to make new friends. Also, it gives students a place to hang out after school instead of getting into trouble on the streets. Furthermore, it provides a place for activities that would otherwise not happen, such as Bingo Night.