

INTRODUCTIONS

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Fact/Statistic:

In the past decade, telecommuting has increased 60% and has saved employers billions of dollars, with 80% of employers and employees stating they are happier telecommuting than working in an office. **Telecommuting has been a sensitive issue for businesses for many years, and while there is much debate on its effect on employees and businesses, there are many benefits to it.** Although many people believe that telecommuting decreases employee productivity and morale, they are inaccurate. Telecommuting actually leads to higher morale and productivity since employees can work in a quiet and distraction-free home, spend less money on commuting costs, and help the employer save costs on utilities.

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Question:

Did you know that if half of all U.S. companies allowed their employees to telecommute, \$60 billion spent on energy and supplies would be saved and 95% of employees currently working in an office would be happier? **Telecommuting has been a sensitive issue for businesses for many years, and while there is much debate on its effect on employees and businesses, there are many benefits to it.** Although many people believe that telecommuting decreases employee productivity and morale, they are inaccurate. Telecommuting actually leads to higher morale and productivity since employees can work in a quiet and distraction-free home, spend less money on commuting costs, and help the employer save costs on utilities.

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Quote:

“For commuters stuck in traffic every day, time spent in a car cuts productivity in half. Nationwide, 4.2 billion hours are spent driving in traffic every year, which Telework Research said robs \$78 billion worth of productivity from the U.S. economy” (2011, p. 7).” **Telecommuting has been a sensitive issue for businesses for many years, and while there is much debate on its effect on employees and businesses, there are many benefits to it.** Although many people believe that telecommuting decreases employee productivity and morale, they are inaccurate. Telecommuting actually leads to higher morale and productivity since employees can work in a quiet and distraction-free home, spend less money on commuting costs, and help the employer save costs on utilities.

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EXAMPLE OF AN INEFFECTIVE INTRODUCTION:

There is no identifiable hook. The facts are vague and look like opinions.

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The thesis is last, but is not connected to the background information given.