

# Revising Your Claim Statement



# Claim Statement

**A claim statement is a \_\_\_\_\_ sentence that should**

restate words from the \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ state your opinion

preview your \_\_\_\_\_ ideas without going into detail

not be a \_\_\_\_\_

no personal \_\_\_\_\_ (I, me, we, us)

be the \_\_\_\_\_ sentence of your introduction + first sentence in the conclusion.

# How to Revise

Use  
different  
joining  
words

Use  
(more)  
precise  
language



# Simple

BRMS students **should** have **uniforms**.  
**Uniforms** are good for students and teachers.

# Compound

BRMS students **should** have  
**uniforms**, **for** they are good for  
students and parents.

# Complex

**Because** **uniforms** are good for students  
and parents, BRMS students **should** wear them.

# Compound Complex

**Even though** students  
may disagree, **uniforms** are  
good for them and parents,  
**so** BRMS **should** have a  
more strict dress code policy.

**Essay Prompt:** Explain the negative health effects of smoking marijuana.

**Here are the writer's answer:** There are quite a few harmful health effects of smoking marijuana.

**Here are the writer's reasons:** Some harmful effects are long-lasting.

**Use the joining word “or” in the middle of the claim statement.**

# Essay Prompt: Why should playing video games be encouraged in young people?

**Here are the writer's answer:** Playing video games can have positive outcomes for young people. They should be encouraged.

**Here are the writer's reasons:** Help develop creativity, critical thinking, and positive social skills.

**Use the joining word "Because" at the beginning of the claim statement.** *You are using "because" to join two complete thoughts together, so use one comma to signify the end of one and the beginning of another.*

**Use the joining word "because" in the middle of the claim statement:** *You are using "because" in the middle of a sentence to join two complete thoughts together, so you can (but do not need to) use a comma to signify the end of one and the beginning of another.*

# How to Revise



Use  
(more)  
precise  
language

Professor McGonagall **found out** Draco was cheating on his homework, so she punished him accordingly.

Professor McGonagall **discovered** Draco was cheating on his homework, so she punished him accordingly.

Because the grandma **ran into** the alligator, she was never seen again.

Because the grandma **encountered** the alligator, she was never seen again.

The woman was a **scientists** who did many **scientific** experiments with the help of her **science** textbook.

The woman was a **researcher** who did many **scientific** experiments with the help of her **biology** textbook.

We were sitting in **our seats** waiting for the bell to ring.

We were sitting in the **bleachers** waiting for the bell to ring.

The zombies **slowly walked** across the field and took a bite out





Now You Try it

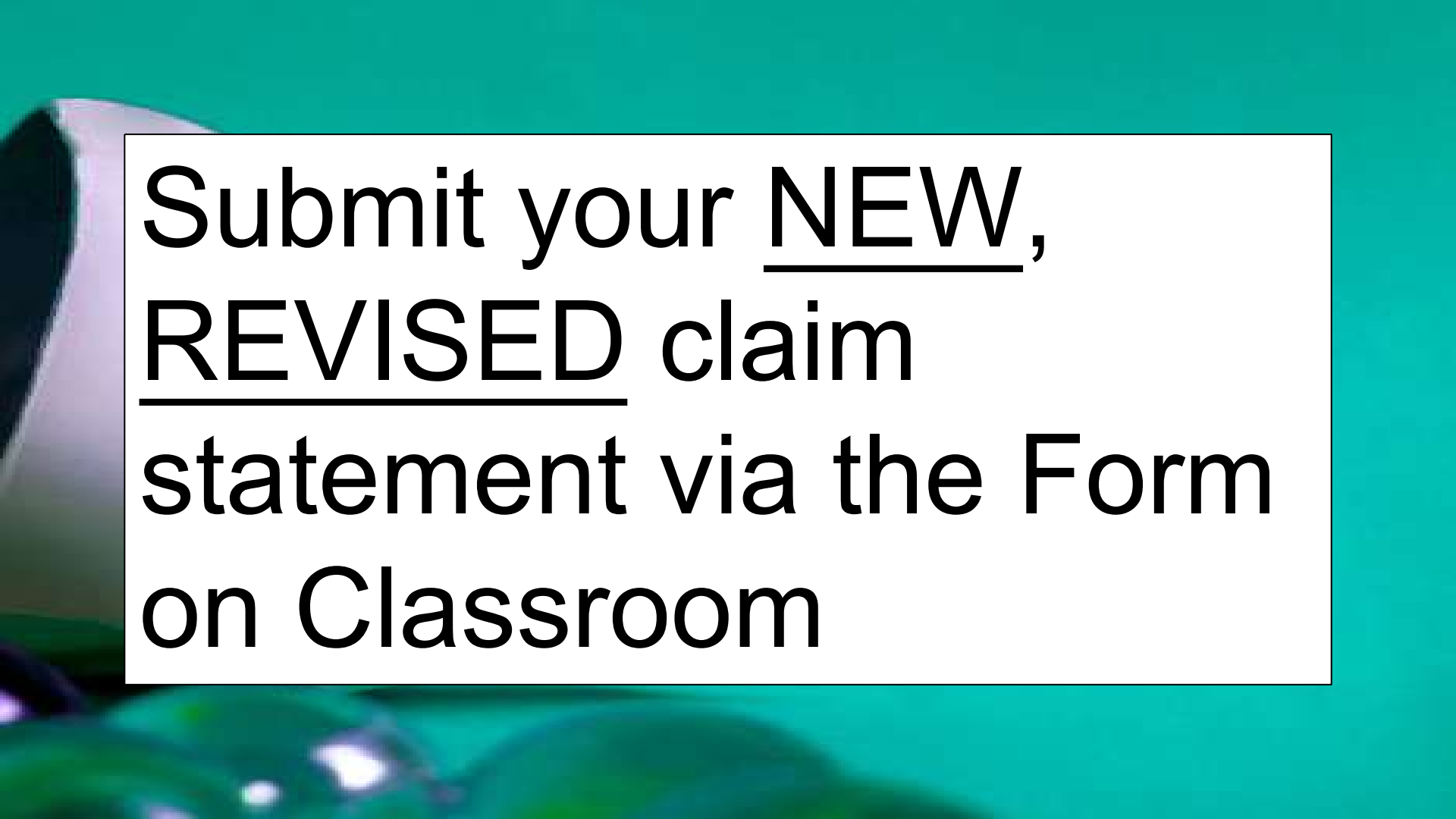
Compare and contrast Phineas's behavior  
and brain to those of an adolescent.

**Write out the claim statement you submitted yesterday**

**Rewrite 1**

**Rewrite 2**

**Rewrite 3**



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REVISED claim  
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