**“Prove It” / Explanations**

**1. FACT:** An unusual, amazing little-known fact that will surprise your readers.

[ex.] Main Point: Sea star have many adaptations for survival.

Prove It/Explain: In order to escape predators, a sea star can detach an arm and then later grow one back in its place.

**2. EXAMPLE:** Give an example of the idea you’re discussing.

[ex.] Main Point: There are several intriguing characters in Finding Nemo.

Prove It/Explain: One intriguing character is a silly fish named Dory. Although Dory means well, she often causes problems for Marlin because of her horrible memory.

**3. STATISTIC:** Information presented as a number or percentage

[ex.] Main Point: Clearasil Daily Face Wash is a popular product among Americans.

Prove It/Explain: On average, 100,000 people in America use Clearasil Daily Face Wash each day.

**4. ANECDOTE:** A short story used to illustrate a main point.

[ex.] Main Point: It is essential to dress appropriately for the weather.

Prove It/Explain: For instance, once when I wore my sandals on a bitter winter day, I got frostbite on my toes. If I had dressed more appropriately, this would not have happened.

**5. QUOTE:** The words of an *expert* on the subject you are writing about. Be sure to tell the reader who the expert is.

[ex.] Main Point: The new documentary, “Kitty Rescue”, is responsible for the adoption of many cats around the nation.

Prove It/Explain: Kathy Jones, executive producer of the movie, stated in an interview, “I have received numerous emails from fans of the movie who are now the happy owners of a new cat.