A well-written classification essay includes all the categories that pertain (belong or correspond) to the main item that is being classified.

For example:

Cars can be classified into price categories:

a. Expensive
b. Moderate
c. inexpensive
The most important element to consider in a classification essay is

The Principle of Organization

The P.O. is the method by which the writer organizes the information in the essay.
For example, not only we can classify our “cars” essay according to

PRICES (expensive, moderate, inexpensive)

But we can also think of more interesting ways of classifying our cars:

GAS MILEAGE

OR

TYPES OF CARS THAT APPEAL TO YOUNG PEOPLE
If we want to write a classification essay about MOVIES
We can choose among several Principles of Organization:

3. GENRE
a) comedy
b) drama
c) historical fiction

2. AUDIENCE TYPE
a) Children
b) Teenagers
c) adults

1. CHARACTER ROLES:
a) Heroes
b) Villains
c) Damsel in disgrace
It is fairly easy!!!
If you say you will classify restaurants, and you think of classifying them by types of ethnic restaurants, you could come up with 3 or 4 different types.…. 

**Topic:** restaurants 
**Principle of Organization:** types of ethnic restaurants

a) Latin American  
b) Arabic  
c) European  
d) American  

**HOW MANY BODY PARAGRAPHS SHOULD YOUR ESSAY CONTAIN?**
1. Your introductory paragraph has:
   - a hook
   - connecting information
   - your thesis statement

2. Each body paragraph contains the same types of supporting details

3. Your conclusion:
   - restates the thesis statement
   - summarizes main points briefly
   - offers a suggestion, a prediction or an opinion.
P.O: types of writing
   a) pleasure
   b) academic
   c) workplace
I. Introduction
A. hook
B. connecting information
C. Thesis statement: Most people at some time in their lives, experience three major types of writing: writing for pleasure, academic writing, and writing in the workplace.

II. Body paragraph 1: writing for pleasure
A. Detail 1: who does it
B. Detail 2: when it’s done
C. Detail 3: what writing tasks are included

A. Organize the body paragraphs 2 and 3.
B. Think of the concluding paragraph.