How to Write a Paragraph







What is a paragraph?

A paragraph is a collection of sentences.

These sentences are put together to form a single MAIN IDEA.

Let's look at an example...



Something good to eat

Notice that there is a collection of sentences, AND all of the sentences are about one main idea

- spaghetti!

Parts of a Paragraph

- · Topic Sentence
- · Body
- · Concluding Sentence

Topic Sentence

- First sentence of the paragraph
- The main topic (main idea) of the paragraph is stated here

The rest of the paragraph will be about this idea, and this idea only!

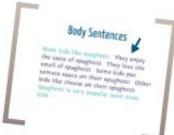




Topic Sentence

Body

- Provides support for the topic sentence
- Develops the main idea by providing details, reasons, and/or examples
- There should be a minimum of 3-5 body sentences in a paragraph



Body Sentences



Concluding Sentence

- Two uses:
 - Summarizes the ideas in the paragraph
 - In an essay, it can act as a transition to the next paragraph



Concluding Sentence



Let's practice!



Warm up:

- Write a topic sentence for a paragraph about your favorite activity or Sport
- · Write 3-4 reasons why you think it is great

When you finish with your ideas, write your paragraph!