

How to Write a Paragraph

What is a paragraph?

Parts of a Paragraph

- Topic Sentence
- Body
- Concluding Sentence

Let's practice!

Write an
example of a Topic Sentence for a paragraph about
your school. The sentence is about
something you love and you think it is great.

When you finish, write your 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



Most kids like spaghetti. They enjoy the taste of spaghetti. They love the smell of spaghetti. Some kids put tomato sauce on their spaghetti. Other kids like cheese on their spaghetti. Spaghetti is very popular with most kids.

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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



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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



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Concluding Sentence

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



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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!

