PRE-INTERMEDIATE UNIT 7

paragraphs

speakout WRITING TIP

Most texts are divided into paragraphs, a group of sentences about one main topic. When we start writing about a different topic, we start a new paragraph.

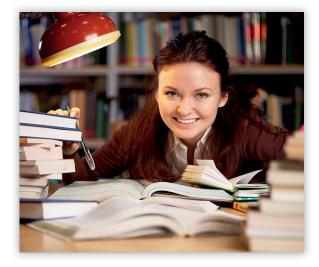
When you write a paragraph, it should present information clearly. A typical paragraph presents the main idea, gives information to support the main idea and finishes with a conclusion.

1A Read the two paragraphs and put the sentences in the correct order (1–8).

- **a)** Finally, I decided that the only way to learn English quickly was to go abroad.
- **b)** Because I didn't know any foreign languages, it was hard to find a job.
- **c)** I used to look everywhere for jobs, for example online, but they always asked for English.
- **d)** One of the best decisions I ever made was to learn English abroad.
- **e)** Now, I have a great job and I speak English everyday.
- **f)** After three months my English was much better.
- **g)** I went to a language school in the morning, and I worked in a hotel in the afternoon.
- h) I wanted to go to a big city, so I decided to go to Dublin in Ireland.

B Which sentences ...

- 1 present the main idea?
- 2 give information to support the main idea?
- **3** provide a conclusion.



2 A	Unjumble the words to make phrases	for	writing	about a
	change in someone's life.			

- 1 example, / spent / I / a / For / all day / in front of / computer.
- 2 my/love/I/Now/job!
- 3 hated/work./I/going to/Before that,
- 4 a teacher. / and / become / was / best decisions / One of the / my office job / I ever made / to quit
- **5** back / to / went / So / college. / I
- **6** I wanted to / as a primary / decided to train / school teacher. / not just make money, / help people, / so I

B Which sentences ...

- 1 present the main idea?
- 2 give information to support the main idea?
- **3** provide a conclusion.

3	Write two paragraphs about a change in your life. Use the paragraph plan for ideas. Write 80–100 words.

Plan your writing

- Think about the life change you are going to write about.
- What was it?
- Try to use some of the phrases below:

One of the best decisions I ever made was ...

I wanted to ..., so I ...

Before that, I used to ...

For example, I ...

Because l' didn't ...

So I went ...

Now, I ...

Check your writing

- Do you have a main idea in each paragraph with information to support it?
- Have you finished or concluded each paragraph?
- Have you checked your grammar and spelling?
- Did you find any mistakes?