# Application Activity: Basic Paragraph

## Instructions

Write a paragraph in response to the writing prompt. First write the parts of the paragraph in the appropriate order (topic sentence, supporting details, and concluding sentence). Then paste the paragraph parts into one single paragraph. Look at the sample to see how this is done.

## Writing Prompt

*Choose a learning strategy from the course and explain why it can help you succeed in PathwayConnect*.

## Sample Paragraph

1. **Topic Sentence**

This should state a single controlling idea for the whole paragraph.

“Teach to Learn” is a learning strategy that will help me succeed in PathwayConnect because it will force me to think of more than one way to explain concepts.

1. **Supporting Details**

Support the topic sentence. Use two supporting details from the approved list (i.e. fact, expert testimony, statistics, personal experience). Write complete sentences.

An important study conducted by educational psychologist Richard E. Mayer, published in the April 2014 edition of “Contemporary Educational Psychology” supports this important fact. As he noted, “Results indicated that those [students] who prepared to teach (even without actually teaching) outperformed those who prepared for a test on an immediate comprehension test….Overall, these findings are consistent with the idea that the act of teaching (i.e. explaining the material to others in a new way) is important for long-term learning.” I have seen these results prove true in my own life as I have sought to teach others what I know in new ways. For example, last week, I taught my family about repentance. Since there were young children there, I wondered how I could say it so everyone would understand. As a result, I thought of a few examples to make my point. That extra work in my brain created extra connections in my brain. It was the kind of brain growth that we read about when we learned about growth mindset. Now when I think about repentance, I have those connections to help me understand it better.

1. **Concluding Sentence**

This should sum up the supporting details of the paragraph and reinforce the topic sentence.

Through the expert testimony of others and my own personal experience, I have learned that as I teach to learn, the efforts I make to help others understand will help me understand too, and that will help me succeed in PathwayConnect.

Paste the paragraph parts together here. Indent the first line. Do not separate lines with space.

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## Writing Prompt

*Choose a learning strategy from the course and explain why it can help you succeed in PathwayConnect*.

Write the paragraph parts here

1. **Topic Sentence**

This should state a single controlling idea for the whole paragraph.

‘Growth Mindset’ is a learning strategy that will help to succeed in PathwayConnect, because it will help me to provides ways to create more than one solution to solve a problem.

1. **Supporting Details.**

Support the topic sentence. Use two supporting details from the approved list (i.e. fact, expert testimony, statistics, personal experience). Write complete sentences.

Important research conducted by Carol Dweck in 2015 supports this fact. As she noted

“Perhaps it is time to level set the mindset. Even though some confuse growth mindset with terms such as *grit* and *effort* that is not the case. Effort is involved, but it isn’t just about effort. Far more than effort, your mindset if about your access to support and your repertoire of strategies to help you to solve problems. Effort is your means to an end, not the end. The end is that learning is improving. When nurturing growth mindsets, it’s important to *acknowledge* effort but *praise* improvement.” (Dweck, 2015). This has been a look up word to me because it has helped me to know how to develop a growth mindset. I have seen this also come to play in my life as I started my BYU pathway, I came to understand that in order to grow I have to embrace failure and try to improve in order to get better and also my intelligence can be changed whenever I learn new things.

1. **Concluding Sentence.**

This should sum up the supporting details of the paragraph and reinforce the topic sentence.

To conclude this has made a great impact in my knowledge which has made me develop a habit of learning everyday and trying to understand new things. I know this will help me succeed in pathway connect and graduate with a good grade.

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