# 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.

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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.

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