

Year 7 Paragraph Writing & Structure Cheat Sheet

1. The Perfect Paragraph Formula

PEEL Structure (Best for essays and analytical writing):

Point: Your main idea/topic sentence.

Evidence: Facts, quotes, or examples.

Explanation: Connect evidence to your point.

Link: Tie back to the question or next paragraph.

Example (Analysing a Story):

"(Point) Pip is portrayed as curious in Great Expectations. (Evidence) For example, he asks, 'Who is that man?' when he first meets the convict. (Explanation) This shows his desire to understand the world, even when scared. (Link) This curiosity later drives the plot forward."

2. Paragraph Types

Type	Purpose	Starter Words
Introduction	Hook and outlines ideas	'Many people believe'
Body Paragraph	Explain one key idea	'Firstly',
Conclusion	Summarise and final thoughts	'Overall' 'To summarise'

3. Transition Words for Smooth Writing

Adding ideas: Furthermore, Moreover, Additionally

Contrasting: However, On the other hand, Nevertheless

Cause/Effect: Therefore, As a result, Consequently

Examples: For instance, Such as, Specifically

4. Common Mistakes to Avoid

- ✗ No clear topic sentence (reader gets lost).
- ✗ Too many ideas in one paragraph (stick to ONE main point!).
- ✗ No evidence or examples (paragraphs feel empty).

5. Practice Task

Write a PEEL paragraph answering: "Should school uniforms be mandatory?"

Need help starting? Try:

"School uniforms promote equality among students. For example, a 2022 study showed... This suggests... Therefore..."