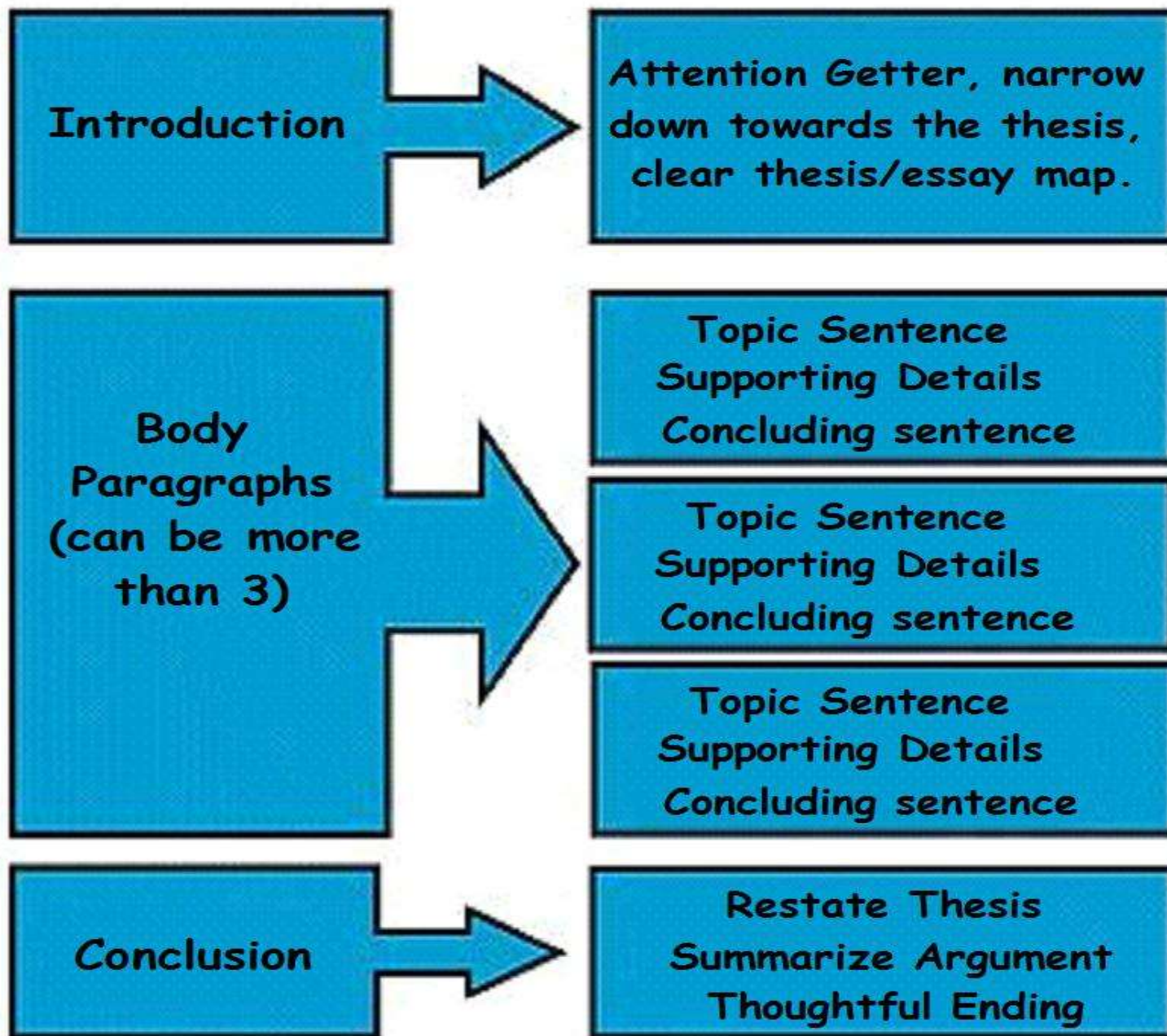


Paragraph Writing



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“What Makes a Good Paragraph?”

“We have to understand it!”

“What can we do to make our reader understand our writing?”

3 Things Make a Good Paragraph:

- 1.Unity
- 2.Coherence
- 3.Elaboration

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"What do all of these mean?"

LET'S START WITH UNITY...



“What does unity mean to you?”

- **When a paragraph has unity, all the sentences relate directly to the main idea.**
- **If there is a sentence off topic at all, this begins to create confusion for your reader.**

Use only the most important details!

LET'S SEE AN EXAMPLE...

Find the sentence in the paragraph that *destroys the unity* and doesn't belong.



The disappearance of Amealia Earhart remains a mystery. Earhart, who was the first woman pilot to fly across the Atlantic Ocean, crashed into the Pacific Ocean while attempting to fly around the world. She was born in Atchison, Kansas, in 1897. Some researchers believe that she survived the crash into the Pacific, because radio distress calls were received. An intensive search for the source of the signals was made. Searchers were not able to find her, however. Finally, the distress signals ceased. In spite of continued searches by airplane and ship, no clue about what became of Amelia Earhart has yet been found.

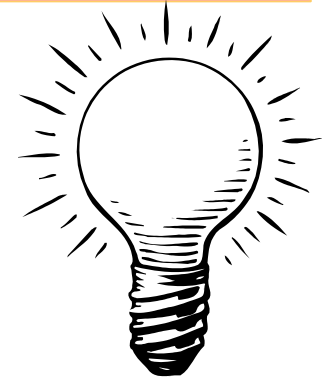
COHERENCE

- A coherent paragraph is one in which all of the sentences *logically fit together.*
- When a paragraph has coherence, your reader can easily see how all of the *details are connected.*



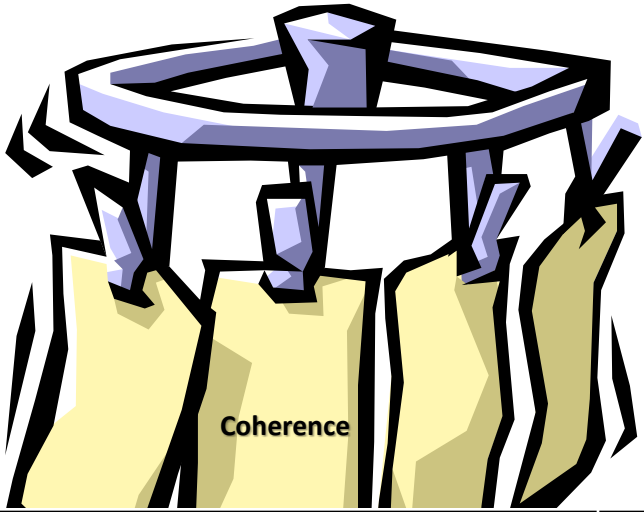
"How can we create coherence?"

There are
2 ways!



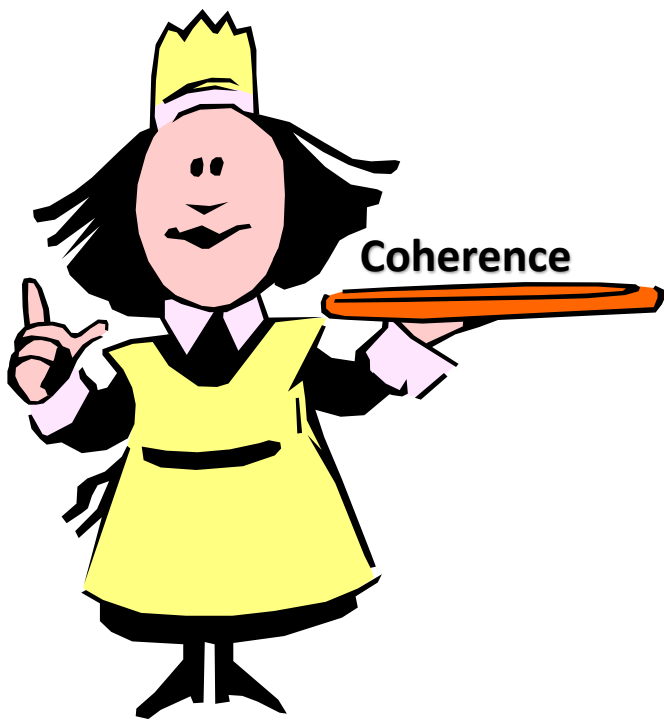
1. Order details in a way that makes sense.

2. Show a connection by using transitional words.



Organizing your details in a specific order is a way to make your paragraph clear and coherent.

Chronological Order	Presents details in the order they occur
Spatial Order	Presents details according to location
Order of Importance	Details are least important to most <u>or</u> the reverse
Logical Order	Grouping of related details together



PARAGRAPH

- A paragraph is a collection of sentences dealing with a single topic/idea.
- 3 kinds of paragraphs that make up content of the paper
 - a) Introductory paragraph
 - b) Body paragraph
 - c) Concluding paragraph

BODY PARAGRAPH

- Body paragraphs are used in the main body of any piece of writing.
- They are most important because they contain all necessary information that the writer wants to convey.

COMPONENTS OF BODY PARAGRAPHS

- a) Topic sentence (TS): Informs about the topic of the paragraph. It is the single controlling idea of the paragraph.
- b) Main points (MPs): Inform, explain, elaborate further on Topic sentence
- c) Supporting details (SDs): they can be examples, facts, evidences etc. to support main points.
- d) Conclusion (Cncl): Summarizes the ideas discussed in the paragraph. To write a conclusion restate topic sentence in different words

Example (Topic sentence):

- **There are three reasons why Canada is one of the best countries in the world.** First, Canada has an excellent health care system. All Canadians have access to medical services at a reasonable price. Second, Canada has a high standard of education. Students are taught by well-trained teachers and are encouraged to continue studying at university. Finally, Canada's cities are clean and efficiently managed. Canadian cities have many parks and lots of space for people to live. As a result, Canada is a desirable place to live.

Supporting Details

- **What are supporting sentences?**

They come after the topic sentence, making up the body of a paragraph.

- **What do they do?**

They give details to develop and support the main idea of the paragraph.

- **How do I write them?**

You should give supporting facts, details, and examples.

Example:

- There are three reasons why Canada is one of the best countries in the world. **First**, Canada has an excellent health care system. All Canadians have access to medical services at a reasonable price. **Second**, Canada has a high standard of education. Students are taught by well-trained teachers and are encouraged to continue studying at university. **Finally**, Canada's cities are clean and efficiently managed. Canadian cities have many parks and lots of space for people to live. As a result, Canada is a desirable place to live.

Closing Sentence

- **What is the closing sentence?**

The closing sentence is the last sentence in a paragraph.

- **What does it do?**

It restates the main idea of your paragraph.

- **How do I write one?**

Restate the main idea of the paragraph using different words.

Example:

- There are three reasons why Canada is one of the best countries in the world. First, Canada has an excellent health care system. All Canadians have access to medical services at a reasonable price. Second, Canada has a high standard of education. Students are taught by well-trained teachers and are encouraged to continue studying at university. Finally, Canada's cities are clean and efficiently managed. Canadian cities have many parks and lots of space for people to live. **As a result, Canada is a desirable place to live.**

Editing Paragraphs

- **What is the editing stage?**

The editing stage is when you check your paragraph for mistakes and correct them.

Grammar and Spelling

1. Check spellings.
2. Check your grammar.
3. Read your essay again.
4. Make sure each sentence has a subject.
5. See if your subjects and verbs agree with each other.
6. Check the verb tenses of each sentence.
7. Make sure that each sentence makes sense.

Style and Organization

1. Make sure your paragraph has a topic sentence.
2. Make sure your supporting sentences focus on the main idea.
3. Make sure you have a closing sentence.
4. Check that all your sentences focus on the main idea.
5. See if your paragraph is interesting.

Topics for Practice

- 1) Role of Parents in their Child's Success.
- 2) Use of cell phone while driving
- 3) Role of technology in learning English.

Example. 1

Parents can help their children be successful by encouraging them.

- Parents can encourage them to study by buying them story books with pictures...
- Parents can encourage children to study efficiently by rewarding them when they get an “A”...
- Parents can ... by asking their children to teach them what they have learned.

Parents play a very important role in the child's success.

Example. 2

Using a cell phone while driving is dangerous.

- Drivers with one hand on the wheel may not be able to control it.
- Drivers may not hear sounds of other vehicles immediately.
- Drivers may not react quickly in an emergency when attention is distracted.

Use of cell phone diverts the attention of the driver while driving.