

## Hamburger paragraph



## Parts of a Paragraph

**Topic Sentence:** This sentence tells the reader the main idea, or what the paragraph will be about.

**Supporting Sentence One:** This sentence gives specific details relating to the main idea.

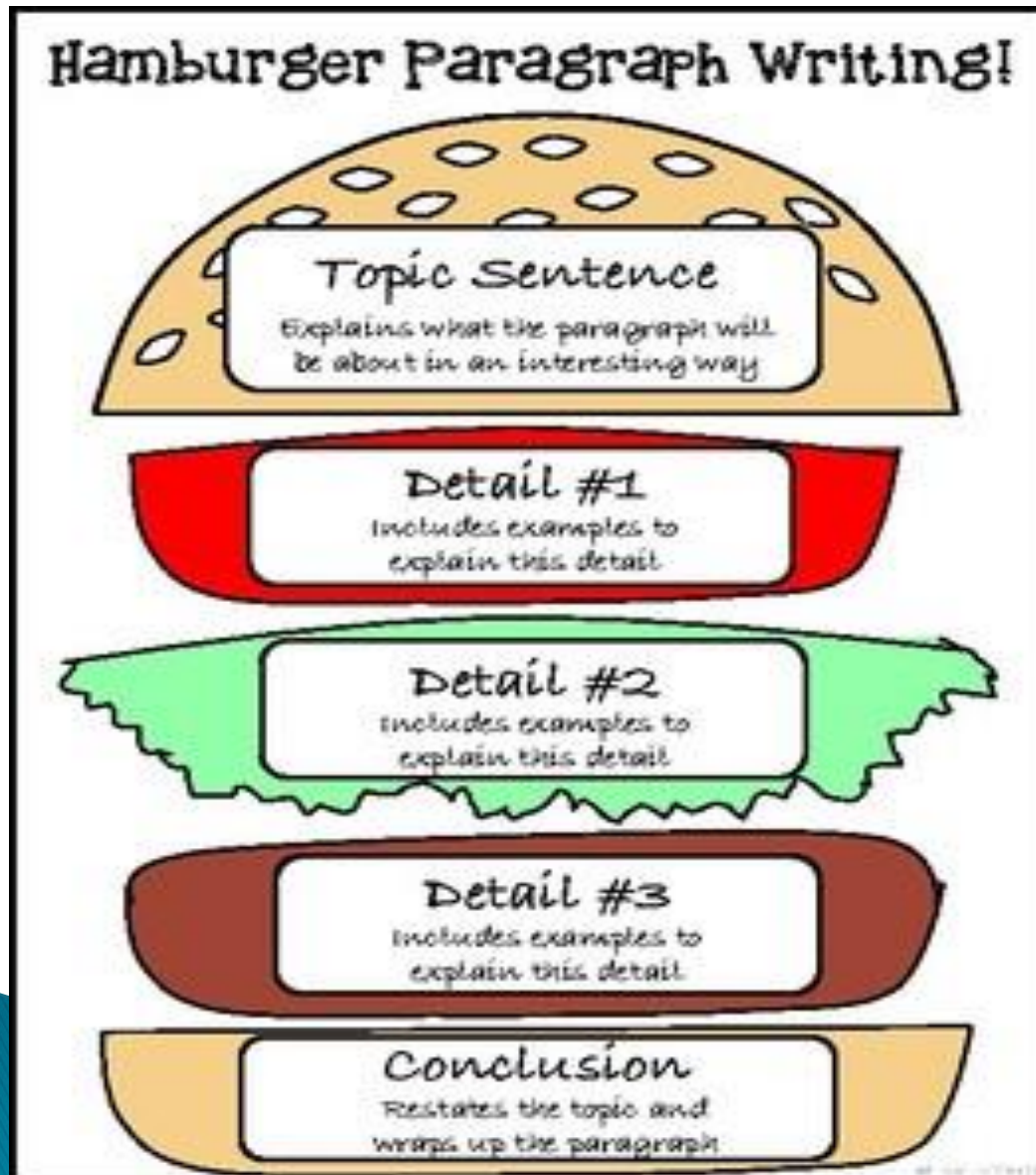
**Supporting Sentence Two:** This sentence gives another specific detail relating to the main idea.

**Supporting Sentence Three:** This sentence gives more specific details relating to the main idea.

**Concluding Sentence:** This sentence refers to the topic sentence and sums up the main idea of the paragraph.

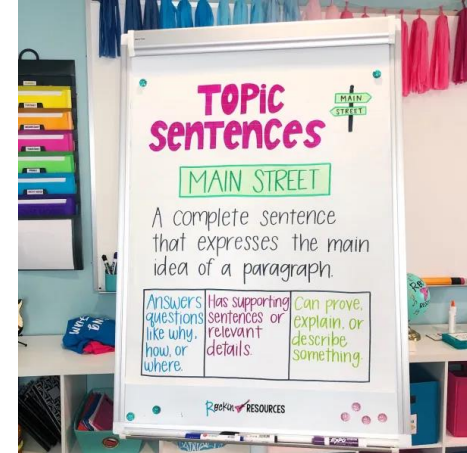
# Paragraph Writing

# Hamburger paragraph writing



- The introduction (top bun)
- The internal or supporting information (the filling)
- The conclusion (bottom bun)

# TOPIC SENTENCES

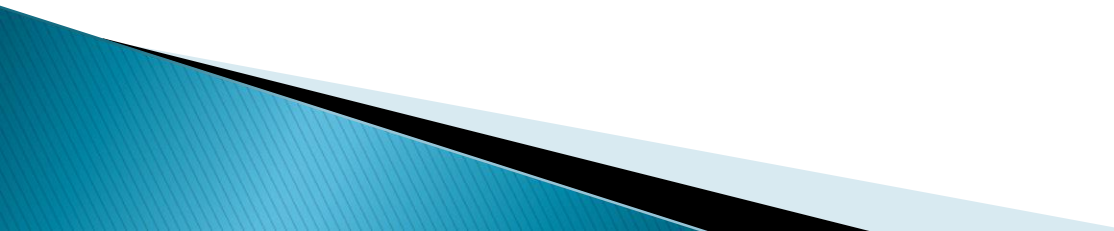


Paragraphs need to have topic sentences. It is a way of organizing and expressing the **main idea** of the paragraph! (That is why I use **MAIN STREET** for the visual. Main Street–Main Idea. Get it?) This is the top bun of the burger!

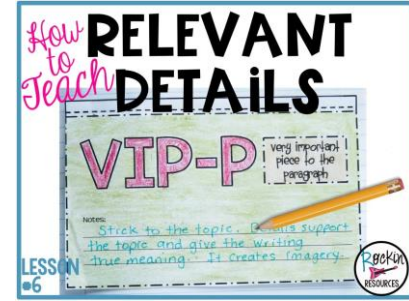
## **A topic sentence:**

- ▶ Answers questions like why, how, or where.
- ▶ Has supporting sentences or relevant details.
- ▶ Can prove, explain, or describe something.

# Prompt example: What is your favorite season?

- ▶ **Paragraph:** Fall is my favorite season. The weather is perfect for outside activities. I like going on walks with my brother and fishing with my dad. I look forward to the smell of a fire and the taste of burnt marshmallows. I love fall weather!
  - ▶ Notice the underlined sentence is the **topic sentence**. It is the main idea of the paragraph. Everything else in the paragraph refers to fall being the favorite season. There are details that follow to answer “why” it is the favorite season.
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# RELEVANT DETAILS



- ▶ Within a paragraph, writers need to **STICK TO THE TOPIC**. This means that everything in the paragraph is related to the topic sentence and is **IMPORTANT**! Just like the meat, lettuce and tomato are important parts of the burger! Think of the details as being juicy!

## Relevant Details:

- ▶ Support the topic and give the writing true meaning.
- ▶ Creates imagery, a picture in the reader's mind.
- ▶ Is the perfect place to include personal experiences or detailed examples.



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- ▶ Notice that the underlined words are relevant to Fall being the narrator's favorite season. It supports the topic sentence. It creates imagery. Can you visualize burnt marshmallows? It gives personal experiences like hiking and fishing.
- ▶ This is the time to also discuss **IRRELEVANT DETAILS**. Irrelevant details are sentences that do not stick to the topic. It doesn't make sense for the paragraph.

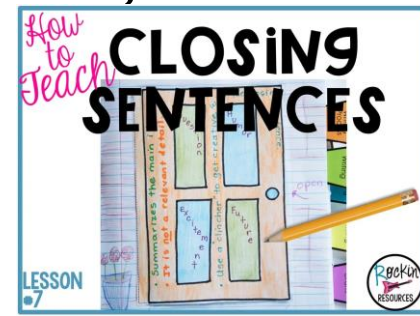
**Example:** Fall is my favorite season. The weather is perfect for outside activities. I like going on hikes with my brother and fishing with my dad. I look forward to the smell of a fire and the taste of burnt marshmallows. I also like summer. I love fall weather!

- ▶ Notice that the sentence about summer does not stick to the topic about fall.

# CLOSING SENTENCES

A closing sentence is the concluding sentence. Every paragraph needs an ending. It closes the door to the paragraph! It is the bottom bun of the burger!

- ▶ It summarizes the main ideas or feeling of a paragraph.
- ▶ It is not a relevant detail in the paragraph.
- ▶ It restates the topic sentence.
- ▶ Use a “clincher” to be creative with the closing sentence! (question, humor, excitement, or a future thought)



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- ▶ Notice that the underlined words close the paragraph! It is not a relevant details and it restates the topic sentence.



# Example



# Resources المصادر

Good academic writing uses information from multiple sources to support its main ideas.

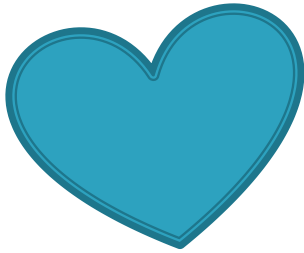
- ▶ visiting the library
- ▶ using the Internet
- ▶ talking to experts



# Writing Practice (group work)

- ▶ **\*Tell me about yourself**
- ▶ **\*Write about your favorite hobby.**
- ▶ **\*Write about your daily routine**
- ▶ **\*Write about things you can do or you can't do.**





THE END!