

Writing paragraphs

What is a paragraphs?

- a central component of a paper
 - -“a group of sentences... that forms a unit” (Lunsford and Connors)
 - → Length or appearance is not a determining factor whether a
 - Section in a paper is a paragraph,
- it is the unity and coherence of idea among those sentences

What to put in a paragraph?

- find the controlling idea in your piece of writing,
- all information in your paragraph should have a relationship to this controlling idea
- → Choose information that helps to support your controlling idea

Parts of a paragraph

1. Topics sentence
 - first sentence in a paragraph , introduces the main idea
 - gives the reader a clear sense of the content
 - contains words or phrases called **controlling ideas**
2. Supporting details – after the sentence
 - “body” of a paragraph → give details to develop the
Main idea of the paragraph (facts, examples,...)
3. Closing sentence
 - last sentence of a paragraph,
 - (concluding) -restates the main idea in different words

<http://www2.action.com/writingtips/paragraph>)

(<http://www.unc.edu/depts/Wceeb/handouts/paragraphs.html>)