

WRITING

PARAGRAPH WRITING

Defining Paragraphs

A **paragraph** is a group of sentences that deals with one particular idea. Paragraphs are defined by the point that they support, the controlling idea, and not just by how long they are.

Only one idea should be discussed per paragraph.

Parts of a Paragraph

- A Paragraph has three parts:



Parts of a Paragraph

topic sentence

(top bun)



supporting details

(tomatoes, lettuce, and meat)



colourful vocabulary

(mustard, ketchup, and relish)



concluding sentence

(bottom bun)



Topic Sentences

- It is usually the first sentences in a paragraph.
- It is also the most general sentences in a paragraph.
- It introduces the main idea of a paragraph.
- Summarize the main idea of your paragraph. Indicate to the reader what your paragraph will be about.

Supporting Details

- Supporting Details come after the topic sentence.
 - Write at least 3 supporting sentence.
 - They support the information of the topic sentence.
 - You should give supporting facts, examples, and details.
 - This will help the reader understand your topic better.
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Conclusion Sentences

- This is the last sentence in a paragraph.
- It reminds what the topic sentence was about.
- It restates the main idea of a paragraph using different words.

An Effective Paragraph;

- presents a single idea
 - begins with a topic sentence that makes this single idea evident
 - contains support in form of sentences that convey this single idea
 - is strategically organized to maintain flow
 - informs and entertains your reader about your paper's overall idea
 - Use transition words
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Common Types of Paragraphs

- Narrative
- Expository
- Descriptive
- Persuasive
- Classification
- Compare and Contrast

How To Write A Perfect Paragraph

I. TOPIC SENTENCE

1. What is the topic sentence? —The topic sentence is the first sentence in a paragraph.
2. What does it do? —It introduces the main idea of the paragraph.
3. How do I write one? -Summarize the main idea of your paragraph. Make clear what your paragraph will be about.

Example: **Canada is one of the best countries in the world to live in.** 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.

II. SUPPORTING DETAILS

1. What are supporting sentences? —They come after the topic sentence, making up the body of a paragraph.
2. What do they do? —They give details to develop and support the main idea of the paragraph.
3. How do I write them? —You should give supporting facts, details, and examples.

Example: Canada is one of the best countries in the world to live in. **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.

III. CLOSING SENTENCE

1. What is the closing sentence? —The closing sentence is the last sentence in a paragraph.
2. What does it do?—It restates the main idea of your paragraph.
3. How do I write one? —Restate the main idea of the paragraph using different words.

Example: Canada is one of the best countries in the world to live in. 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.**
