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How to write a paragraph



In this module, you will learn the basics of **paragraph writing**. You will learn about **four parts**. You will read an example and use a template to write your own paragraph.

Agenda

Reading Strategies : Mention 1 learned

WRITE

main ideas ✓

Key details ✓

interesting examples ✓

"agree/disagree"

Olympics

Paralympics

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Reading pgs. 66-67

Vocabulary

Summarizing (a text)

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"Reading Strategy"

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Homework: Please read "A whale of a wheel"

apply strategies learned in class

Reading: active process of understanding print and graphics.

What is a paragraph?

“A group of sentences that supports one central, unified idea”.

[Source](#)

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Annotating

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- Key details ✓
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Reading pgs. 66-67 (Handout)

Vocabulary - boldface

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Parts of a paragraph



- Title
- Topic Sentence
- Body Sentences
- Conclusion Sentence

Parts of a paragraph



Title Sentence

- It attracts reader's attention to your writing.
- You can write it at the end.
- Not every paragraph has a title. For example, when you write an essay, there is only one title.

Parts of a paragraph



Topic Sentence (or *Thesis Sentence*)

- It controls the direction of your writing.
- It tells the reader what the paragraph is about.

Parts of a paragraph



Body Sentences (or *Supporting Sentences*)

- The "body" of the paragraph goes after the topic sentence.
- With the body sentences, the writer expands or demonstrates the topic sentence.
- They offer details, examples, explanations, and/or reasons.

Parts of a paragraph



Conclusion Sentence

- The last sentence in a paragraph.
- It summarizes the main idea "using different words".

Thought about writing



Focus on and help the **reader** find important information.

Tips *before* writing



- a.** Brainstorm and write your thoughts on a scrap paper.
- b.** Organize your thoughts on the topic.
- c.** Include only key words and vocabulary.
- d.** If there is an assignment, read the *instructions* carefully.

Tips *after* writing



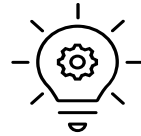
e. Give yourself time to:

- read what you wrote,
- polish your paragraph.

f. Check the format and make sure your paragraph has a *title*, a *topic sentence*, *body sentences*, and a *conclusion sentence*.

Use Writing Tips: Paragraph Builder, actDEN

Tips *during* writing

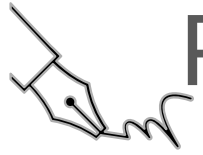


g. Focus on the topic.

h. Do not include too many ideas or don't write too much.

i. In general, paragraphs have 4 to 6 sentences.

j. Be **coherent**. Your paragraph must “flow logically from start to finish”, [source here](#).



Paragraph Sample

Title

How to save on groceries

Topic Sentence

There are many ways to save money on your grocery bill.

Body Sentences

Many stores use strategies such as “buy one, get one free”. Also, they advertise savings for multiple items, so shoppers can buy in bulk at discounted prices. Sales flyers, coupons and in-store signs are good tools too. Lastly, try and do your grocery shopping on other days than the weekend, because stores advertise more deals on Thursdays.

Conclusion Sentence

The most money households spend is in groceries, so buyers need to use what is available and save on this bill.



Tips for editing a paragraph

Does the paragraph have...

a title that “attracts” attention?

How to save on groceries

a topic sentence that “states”
the main idea
of your paragraph?

There are many ways to save money on your grocery bill.

body sentences that “supports”
your topic sentence ?

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a conclusion that “restate”
the main idea?

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Paragraph Template

Title

Topic Sentence

Body Sentences

Conclusion Sentence

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