

Writing a Paragraph

A paragraph consists of several sentences that are grouped together. Most groups of sentences together discuss **one main topic**. Paragraphs have **three principal parts**: the topic sentence, body sentences, and the concluding sentence.

• Topic sentence or topic sentence

A topic sentence usually comes at the beginning of a paragraph. It is the **most important sentence** in a paragraph. It means that there are not more details in the sentence. But that the sentence introduces a general idea or topic that you want to discuss later in the paragraph.

Example:

Football is a very exciting sport to watch.

• Body sentences or supporting sentences

These are called "supporting" sentences. They "support" or "explain" the topic introduced in the topic sentence. At minimum, you should have at least **three to five** sentences in your paragraph. Each sentence should help explain about the topic.

Example:

Football is a very exciting sport to watch.

1. It is the most popular sport in the world.

2. It is played in every country.

3. It is a very exciting sport to watch.

