

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.

1. 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 first, the sentence introduces a general idea or topic that you want to discuss later in the paragraph.

Example:

Be careful when you are driving on a busy road.

2. Body sentences or supporting sentences

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

Example:

Be careful when you are driving on a busy road.

1. It is very important to wear your seat belt when you are driving.

2. It is also important to check your tires before you drive.

3. It is also important to check your brakes before you drive.

