

PARAGRAPH REVIEW WS - 1

Name _____
Date _____ Period _____

Read the paragraphs below and do the following:

- A. Underline the topic sentence. Circle the topic.
- B. Cross out any sentence that doesn't belong in the paragraph.
- C. Put a box around or highlight the transitional words and phrases.
- D. Name the order of organization used. (*chronological, spatial, emphatic, cause and effect, compare/contrast*)

EXAMPLE: The hummingbird is very much like a helicopter. It can fly up or it can fly down. It can fly forward or backward. It can even hover in one place. Moreover, just as the rotors of the helicopter spin very fast, the wings of a hummingbird flap over eighty times in one second. ~~Hummingbirds can barely walk.~~

Order of organization: compare/contrast

1.) Morse Code is an international code for transmitting messages by wire or radio using signals of short and long duration. Short signals are called dots and long signals are called dashes. The code was originated by Samuel Morse for use on his telegraph. The letters SOS (three short signals, three long signals, three short signals) are an international distress signal. By radio telephone the distress call is "Mayday."

Order of organization: _____

2.) Birthdays are important events at my house. Halloween is fun too. Everyone in the family joins in wishing the birthday person the best. First of all we have a huge dinner with special food, and the birthday person gets to use the red birthday plate. After that there's also a cake and candles and singing, followed by presents - one for each year. But the best part is the feeling of being a family and knowing that you are surrounded by love.

Order of organization: _____

3.) My little brother drives me crazy. He has red hair and blue eyes. If I have a friend over, he wants to play with us. When I need to do homework, he races through the house like a fire engine. Furthermore, when my family goes for a ride in the car, he has to sit by the window. Even talking on the phone when he's around is a challenge. He always wants to say "hello." When I complain, Mom and Dad take his side-- "After all, he's only four years old!" I can't wait until he's five!

Order of organization: _____

4.) Where do you sleep? Animals sleep in many different places. Horses and giraffes sleep standing up. Bats sleep upside down. Fish and snakes sleep with their eyes open. Some birds use special muscles to lock their claws to the branches so that they can perch on the branch without falling as they sleep. Cats sleep as much as twenty hours a day. Hippos sleep in a big heap. I sleep in a comfortable, soft, cozy, warm bed and I'm glad that I do!

Order of organization: _____