

A Paragraph

A paragraph in English talks about only one topic. Anytime you write a new idea start a new paragraph. Leave a blank space between paragraphs or indent the first line.

Each paragraph begins with a topic sentence. A topic sentence tells the reader what the paragraph is about. After the topic sentence come the supporting sentences. The supporting sentences give more information about the topic or give opinions or reasons.

Activity One:

Let's look at the following sentences.

Which is the topic sentence?

Which are the supporting sentences? Why?

1. I love going to school.
2. You learn to read books.
3. School is very important.
4. Teachers teach you how to write and use computers.



Activity Two:

Divide these sentences into two main topics.

Me and my life in Australia (A).

The people in Australia (P).

1. They help me with my English.
2. They are not nice to me. It's great.
3. I moved from Japan to Australia two years ago.
4. But, now I love Australia.
5. The people in Australia are very friendly.
6. My name is Haruka Suzuki.
7. People talk to you and say things like 'Good morning'.
8. At first I hated living in Australia because it was so different.

