

WRITING PARAGRAPHS

There are a number of models for writing paragraphs; this one is called the **PEEL** method:

- **P (point)** – the point or argument you are making in your paragraph – this is usually, but not always, the first sentence in your paragraph. *Eg. Cyclone Larry was the most devastating cyclone to hit the North Queensland coast. (one sentence)*
- **E (explanation)** – explains the point being made. *Eg. It is estimated to have caused half a billion dollars damage, the most caused by a natural disaster in Australia. (one sentence, sometimes more)*
- **E (evidence)** – provides evidence to support the argument. *Eg. It is also estimated that 85 percent of all banana crops in the affected area were destroyed. Thousands of workers have lost their jobs as a result. All residents' homes went up in flames, running water and sewerage were severely damaged. Many homes were completely destroyed, and some residents lost all of their belongings. (always more than one sentence)*
- **R (relate)** – relates the paragraph to the essay or restates the point of the paragraph. *Eg. The cleanup has begun, but it may take months, or even years, before the devastated region is fully repaired. (one sentence)*