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What is a Paragraph?

A paragraph is a few sentences grouped together which relate to one topic in a coherent logical sequence.

Note: The Parts of a Paragraph section is taken from an online free resource 'Expository Writing' by Judith Darling

Parts of a Paragraph and Types of Paragraphs

Parts of a paragraph:

- A **topic sentence** tells what the paragraph is going to be about and is interesting enough to make the reader want to continue reading the paragraph.

Example:

Eating a cold ice cream cone on a hot summer day is a delicious experience.

- The **body or middle** of the paragraph is where you give details that explain what was introduced in the topic sentence. These sentences should be well organized and be made interesting by using expressive adverbs and adjectives.

Example:

First, you go to an air-conditioned ice cream parlor where you get to slowly peruse all the cartons containing the different flavors. After making your selection, you watch the person dig big round scoops into a cone. You take the ice cream cone outside and sit on a bench or chair in front of the store and begin licking. It hits your mouth and wraps around your tongue with a frosty tingle. There is no talking, only licking, because the trick is to eat the ice cream before it melts and runs down your arm. Besides, you don't want to waste one drop.

- The **closing** of the paragraph is the end. This sentence should briefly restate in a different and interesting way what the paragraph was all about and what it meant.

Example:

The joy of eating a cold ice cream cone on a hot, sticky summer day just can't be beat.

Putting it all together:

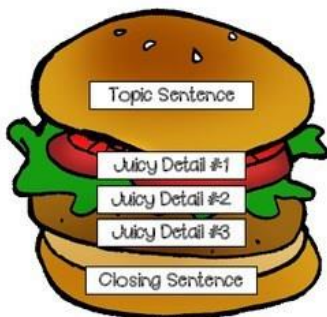
Eating an ice cream cone on a hot summer day is a delicious experience. First, you go to an air-conditioned ice cream parlor where you get to slowly peruse all the cartons containing the different flavors. After making your selection, you watch the person dig big round scoops into a cone. You take the ice cream cone outside and sit on a bench or chair in front of the store and begin licking. It hits your mouth and wraps around your tongue with a frosty tingle. There is no talking, only licking, because the trick is to eat the ice cream before it melts and runs down your arm. Besides, you don't want to waste one drop. The joy of eating a cold ice cream cone on a hot, sticky summer day just can't be beat.

Types of paragraphs:

- A **narrative** paragraph gives the details of an occurrence or event in story form, as it happened, using transition words such as first, next, then, and finally.
- A **descriptive** paragraph describes an idea or thought, a person, a thing, or a place and uses words that help the reader see, hear, taste, smell, and feel what is being described.
- A **persuasive** paragraph is written to try to get others to agree with the writer's opinion.
- An **expository** paragraph is used to give information in a factual form, explain something, or define an expectation. This style of paragraph is often used in school assignments and in business formats such as memos and reports.

Summarizing the basic features of a Paragraph:

The Hamburger Paragraph



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- A paragraph usually has a **title**.
- The opening sentence or sentences form the introduction of the paragraph. Such a sentence is known as the **topical sentence**.
- The topical sentence introduces the **topic, theme, subject or idea** that the paragraph is based on.
- The main body of the paragraph consists of **supporting ideas**.
- Supporting ideas provide more information about the main topic presented in the **opening sentence**.
- However, these ideas must not stray from the topic mentioned in the opening of the paragraph.

What Is an Expository Paragraph?

An expository paragraph is exactly what it sounds like—a paragraph of expository writing.

A well-written expository paragraph should follow a specific format to make it as clear and easy to read as possible. Most expository paragraphs do the following things:

- Start with a topic sentence, which explains what the paragraph will be about
- Then, include 3–5 body sentences that provide supporting details for the topic sentence
- Finally, wrap things up with a closing sentence that summarizes what the paragraph has said

Example of Expository Paragraph

Here's an example of an expository paragraph that follows the structure described above.

The leading cause of death in the United States is heart disease, which can be fatal if it leads to heart attack or cardiac arrest. Heart attacks occur when a blockage in the coronary artery prevents oxygenated blood from reaching the heart. Cardiac arrests occur when the heart stops pumping entirely, which prevents the patient from breathing normally. Both of these problems can be deadly, even in seemingly healthy people who don't have noticeable risk factors. As a result, heart disease is an important problem that many doctors and scientists are researching.

Expository paragraph writing topics for students:

1. Explain why you admire a particular person.
2. Explain why someone you know should be regarded as a leader.
3. Explain why parents are sometimes strict.
4. If you had to be an animal, which would you be and why?
5. Explain why you especially enjoy a particular teacher/subject.

Additional Resources that will be shared through MCB:

- Revision worksheet on Paragraph writing
- Character traits of People (Vocabulary)
