

What is a Paragraph?

A series of sentences that are organized and coherent, and are all related to a single topic is called Paragraph. It includes topic sentences, supporting sentences as well as concluding sentences that refer to an overall structure, which is a group of sentences focusing on a single topic. While writing paragraphs about any topic, it's more important to maintain the quality and flow of the paragraph than word count. Paragraphs are often thought of as a 'unit' of thought.

Parts of a Paragraph

The basic paragraph consists of three parts: a topic sentence, supporting details, and a concluding sentence.

Topic Sentence:

Often, the Topic sentence is the first sentence of a paragraph. Also, we can call an introduction sentence of a paragraph. It states the main idea of each paragraph. All consequent points presented in the paragraphs must support the topic sentence.

Supporting Details

The supporting sentences explain more about the topic sentence by showing some facts, stats, or examples regarding the topic.

Concluding Sentence

It is the end of the paragraph which is also known as final statement about the topic. It ties all ideas given in the paragraph and emphasizes the main idea one last time.

Important points:

1. The topic sentence is the introductory statement of your paragraph as it introduces the main idea.
2. Develop the main idea with the help of relevant details, examples, etc.
3. Do not write unrelated sentences. One idea should lead to the other.
4. Try to come up with a concluding sentence that is thought-provoking or appealing so that it lingers on the reader's memory.
5. Every sentence in the paragraph must be closely related to the main idea or topic. Do not write sentences which are not in any way related to the topic
6. Ensure that the structure of your detailed sentences is such that there is no logical gap in the sequence of thoughts or development of the main idea.
7. Remember to write complete sentences.
8. Re-read all that you have written, and if need be, change the order of the sentences.
9. Once you have completed your paragraph, revise for spelling, punctuation and grammatical errors.
- 10.** Follow the word limit .
- 11.** Write in a single paragraph.

QUESTIONS FOR PRACTICE:

- 1) Most of the students usually find writing skills difficult. Write a paragraph describing 'Ways to Improve Writing Skills in English'.
- 2) *Write a paragraph on 'Friendship – A Beautiful Relation.'*
- 3) *Write a paragraph describing how you celebrated Durga Puja in this pandemic situation.*