
INTRODUCTION TO PARAGRAPH WRITING

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PRETEST:

- **What do you know about Paragraph?**
- **What is a sentence?**
- **What is a word?**
- **Have you ever written a good paragraph?**
- **Does your paragraph have three main parts of the paragraph?**

WHAT SHOULD A LANGUAGE LEARNER KNOW?

"Please, Sorry, and Thank You" are the three magic words. The significance of these three magical phrases is sometimes overlooked. We seldom use these terms because we are unaware of their importance.

These three words are the golden words of being polite. You have decent manners if you use these three words. Remember that everyone admires youngsters who are well-behaved.

You say "please" when you want to make a request. If you have said or done something incorrectly, you should apologise and say "I'm Sorry". When you get something from someone, you say "thank you."

1. Introduction

A paragraph is a self-contained unit of writing that consists of one or more sentences focused on a single topic or idea. It typically includes a topic sentence that introduces the main idea or argument, supporting sentences that provide evidence and details to support the topic sentence, and a concluding sentence that summarizes the main point or transitions to the next paragraph. The definition of a paragraph has been

typically attributed to several writing scholars, including Murray⁷ and Elbow⁸. Here are the stages of the process writing approach:

1. **Pre-writing**: This stage involves brainstorming, freewriting, outlining, and other activities that help writers generate ideas and plan their writing.
2. **Drafting**: During this stage, writers put their ideas into sentences and paragraphs, creating a rough draft of their work. **Revising**: In this stage, writers review and refine their draft by adding, deleting, or rearranging content to improve the organization, coherence, and overall effectiveness of their writing.
3. **Editing**: During the editing stage, writers review their work for grammar, punctuation, spelling, and other errors.
4. **Publishing**: The final stage of the writing process involves sharing the finished work with others, either in print or digital format.

ORGANIZATION OF THE PARAGRAPH

I live in a flat with my family. We have two bedrooms and a living room. We have a garden and we have some flowers there. In weekdays I arrive home at five o'clock and I have lunch. Then I do my homework and go to bed. I had a computer but now it doesn't work. I have a brother and a sister and I think I am very lucky to live with them. Sometimes our relatives visit us. Our flat becomes very crowded sometimes but I like it.

- **Do you think it is a Well-Written Paragraph?**
- **Do you think the sentences refer to the main idea, or the topic of the paragraph?**
- **Do you think it has a main idea, supporting sentences and a conclusion?**

IT'S TIME TO WRITE YOUR OWN PARAGRAPH!

- **Write down a good paragraph having the three main parts of a paragraph. Topic refers to academic writing.**
- **Determine obligatory and optional parts of a paragraph in your paragraph.**

BREAK A LEG!
