

First Year

Essay

How to write a good paragraph?

- A paragraph is a group of sentences that work together to make a point.
- A good paragraph contains(a):
 - Topic Sentence
 - Support Sentences
 - Concluding Sentence

1. The Topic Sentence

- States the main point
- First sentence of your paragraph
- Topic + Controlling Idea= Topic Sentence

2. The Support Sentences

- Make up the body of the paragraph
- 3-5 support sentences
- Develop the main point by:
 - Using examples and illustrations
 - Citing data
 - Using quotations and/or paraphrasing
 - Using a story
 - Comparing and contrasting

3. The Concluding Sentence

- Summarizes/Restates the main idea
- Uses different language

Writing a short essay

How to write a short essay?

- I. Introduction (ending in thesis statement) – three to five sentences
- II. Body paragraph 1 (introductory sentence- support sentences- concluding sentence).
- III. Body paragraph 2 (introductory sentence- support sentences- concluding sentence).
- IV. Body paragraph 3(introductory sentence- support sentences- concluding sentence).
- V. Conclusion – three to five sentences

1. The Introduction

- Captures your audience's attention.
- Gives background on your topic.
- Develops interest in your topic.
- Guides your reader to your thesis.

2. The Thesis Statement

- Placed at the end of your introduction

- Includes your specific topic + your opinion on the topic
- It may also include the reasons you will give to support your argument or develop your point.

3. The Conclusion

- Emphasizes the purpose and importance of your essay
- Summarizes/Restates the main ideas
- Uses different language

Transitions

Write on transitions [give examples].

• A transition is a change from one idea to another idea in writing or speaking and can be achieved using transition terms or phrases. Use transition words to connect sentences:

- However
- Furthermore
- As a result
- In fact
- Yet
- Finally
- Meanwhile

What are the main types of paragraphs?

There are four essential types of paragraphs:

1. Narrative paragraphs: Telling a Story
2. Descriptive paragraphs: Painting a Picture
3. Expository paragraphs: Just the Facts
4. Persuasive paragraphs: Convince Me

Persuasive paragraphs:

Write on the persuasive paragraph.

A persuasive paragraph is a paragraph used to convince a reader about a particular idea or focus, usually one that you believe in. Your persuasive paragraph could be based on anything about which you have an opinion or that you can make a clear argument about.

Elements of writing a good persuasive paragraph

1. Most informed point of view
2. The logical flow of thoughts
3. Valid perspective on the problem

Persuasive Essay Structure

A well-organized document will have three critical elements:

- Introduction paragraph
- Body paragraphs
- Conclusion paragraph

How to Write a Hook for a Persuasive Essay?

The best idea is to involve an interesting sentence. These are just several types:

- Fact
- Statistics
- Joke/Anecdote
- question
- Simile
- Metaphor

Discuss the difference between the structure of the paragraph and the essay?

The essay consists of several paragraphs and the paragraph is structured like a small essay.

- **A good paragraph contains(a):**
 - –Topic Sentence
 - –Support Sentences
 - –Concluding Sentence
- **The essay consists of:**
 - Introduction (ending in thesis statement) – three to five sentences
 - Body paragraph 1 (introductory sentence- support sentences- concluding sentence).
 - Body paragraph 2 (introductory sentence- support sentences- concluding sentence).
 - Body paragraph 3(introductory sentence- support sentences- concluding sentence).
 - Conclusion – three to five sentences

Write an essay on one of the following topics:

- A beautiful place.
- How cooperation is important for all creatures.
- A job that you would like to do when you finish your education.
- Why we should honor our teachers.
- The importance of sport.
- What should we do for Egypt nowadays?

Write short notes on the following:

1. The Topic Sentence
2. The Support Sentences
3. Writing a short essay
4. The Introduction of the essay
5. The Thesis Statement
6. The Conclusion
7. Transitions [give examples].
8. The main types of paragraphs
9. Elements of writing a good persuasive paragraph