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# Writing a Paragraph

**Directions:** Being able to organize your thoughts and put them together in a paragraph is an important and regular task at school. Writing paragraphs also becomes part of life as you learn to write job-related documents and communicate with others through email. Let's learn the parts of a paragraph below!

Part of Paragraph	Examples	Write this part for a paragraph about this topic: "My favorite food..."
<p><b>Topic Sentence:</b> A topic sentence is like the boss of a paragraph. It tells everyone what the paragraph is going to be about.</p>	<p><i>"My favorite animal is a dog because they are friendly and fun to play with."</i></p>	
<p><b>Middle Sentences:</b> The middle of a paragraph is where you give more details or reasons about your topic. Imagine it's like the part where you tell a story or explain something.</p>	<p><i>"Dogs are friendly because they wag their tails, lick your face, and like to cuddle. They are also fun to play with because you can throw a ball, and they will fetch it for you."</i></p>	
<p><b>Ending Sentence:</b> The ending of a paragraph is where you can summarize what you talked about or tell why it's important.</p>	<p><i>"So, that's why I love dogs. They are friendly and make great playmates. Next time, you should try playing with a dog too!"</i></p>	

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# Writing a Paragraph: Topic Sentences

**Directions:** Being able to organize your thoughts and put them together in a paragraph is a regular task at school and life. Let's work on how to write the topic sentence for a paragraph. There are three options you can try.

<b>Ways to Begin a Paragraph</b>	<b>Sample Topic Sentences:</b> What's your favorite summer snack?	<b>Write topic sentences in different ways based on this topic:</b> What's your favorite holiday to celebrate?
Rephrase the question in your answer or state what you want to talk about in a clear and simple way.	<i>My favorite summer snack is watermelon.</i>	
Start with a word or phrase that's exciting or interesting. It can grab people's attention!	<i>Juicy! My favorite summer snack is watermelon.</i>	
Share a surprising fact or something that not everyone knows. It can make people go, "Wow!"	<i>Did you know that watermelons usually weigh between 20-25 pounds?</i>	

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# Writing a Paragraph: The Middle

**Directions:** Being able to organize your thoughts and put them together in a paragraph is a regular task at school. The middle part of a paragraph is important because this is where all of the details are shared. The middle can be long, short, or somewhere in between. Let's take a look.

<b>Ways to Fill the Middle of a Paragraph</b>	<b>Sample Middle Sentences:</b> When do you like to do your homework?	<b>Write middle sentences in different ways based on this topic:</b> What's your favorite game to play?
Explain your idea by giving examples. These are the details that show what you mean.	<i>"Doing my homework right after school is great because I can finish it quickly. Then, I have more time to play with my toys or watch my favorite cartoons."</i>	
Share a short story that relates to your topic. It could be something that happened to you or something you heard about.	<i>"Once, I decided to do my homework right after school. I finished it fast and felt so proud. Then, I had extra time to go to the park with my friends and have lots of fun."</i>	
Talk about why you think your topic is important or why you like it. This helps others understand your feelings or reasons.	<i>"I like doing homework right after school because it helps me relax later. After I finish, I don't have to worry about it, and I can enjoy the evening with my family without any worries."</i>	

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# Writing a Paragraph: The Ending

**Directions:** Being able to organize your thoughts and put them together in a paragraph is a regular task at school. The ending sentence concludes the paragraph. There are a few options you can choose from.

<b>Ways to End a Paragraph</b>	<b>Example Topic and Ending Sentence:</b> What's your favorite instrument to play?	<b>Write ending sentences in different ways based on this topic:</b> What's your favorite topic to learn about?
End your paragraph by making a closing statement or telling your reader something important about the topic.	<i>"That's why I love playing the drums. They make awesome beats and are so much fun to play!"</i>	
Ask a question related to your topic. This can make your reader think and want to learn more.	<i>"Have you ever tried playing the drums? It's really cool to make loud music with them!"</i>	
Summarize what you talked about in your paragraph. It's like telling the most important things one more time.	<i>"In conclusion, playing the drums is amazing. You get to create awesome rhythms and be a rock star in your own way!"</i>	

