

## **Module English**

### **How to write a paragraph**

#### **Parts of a Paragraph**

A basic paragraph has three parts: 1) a topic sentence, 2) supporting sentences, and 3) a concluding sentence.

##### **1. Topic Sentence**

The topic sentence is usually the first sentence in a paragraph. It introduces the main idea of the paragraph. All subsequent points made in the paragraphs should support the topic sentence. Strong paragraphs are typically about one main idea or topic, which is often explicitly stated in a topic sentence. Good topic sentences should always contain a topic and a controlling idea.

**Topic:** The main subject matter or idea covered in the paragraph.

**Controlling idea:** This idea focuses the topic by providing direction to the composition.

Examples of topic sentences:

- There are several advantages to online education.

Topic: Online education Controlling idea: several advantages

- Effective leadership requires specific qualities that anyone can develop.

Topic: Effective leadership Controlling idea: requires specific qualities that anyone can develop

##### **2. Supporting Sentences**

Supporting sentences are sentences that come after the topic sentence and make up the body of a paragraph. They provide details that develop and support the main idea of the paragraph. Students should write them by providing supporting facts, details, and examples

- Statistics, polls, percentages
- Facts, details, reasons, examples
- Personal experience, stories, anecdotes, examples from your life

### 3. Concluding Sentence

The closing sentence is the last sentence in a paragraph.

The closing sentence:

- restates the big idea of the topic sentence using different words or a different order.
- summarizes the big idea of the paragraph without repeating the exact same words.
- gives the reader something to think about. So what?

Sample paragraph

Canada is one of the best countries in the world to live in. First, Canada has an excellent health care system. All Canadians have access to medical services at a reasonable price. Second, Canada has a high standard of education. Students are taught by well-trained teachers and are encouraged to continue studying at university. Finally, Canada's cities are clean and efficiently managed. Canadian cities have many parks and lots of space for people to live. As a result, Canada is a desirable place to live.

### Themes to be considered for the written expression

#### Food and Restaurants

**Culinary Diversity:** Explore the rich tapestry of cuisines available globally, from traditional dishes passed down through generations to modern fusion creations. Highlight the importance of cultural exchange and how it influences culinary innovation.

**Farm-to-Table Movement:** Discuss the growing trend of sourcing ingredients locally and sustainably, emphasizing freshness, seasonality, and supporting local farmers. Describe how this movement promotes healthier eating habits and reduces environmental impact

**Food Tourism:** Explore the concept of traveling for the purpose of experiencing different cuisines and dining cultures. Discuss popular food destinations, culinary tours, and the economic impact of food tourism on local communities.

## **Education**

**Online Learning:** Examine the growing popularity of online education platforms and virtual classrooms, especially in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Discuss the benefits and challenges of remote learning, including accessibility, student engagement, and digital literacy.

**Importance of Reading:** Highlight the importance of reading for pleasure and its role in expanding vocabulary, improving comprehension skills, and fostering a lifelong love of learning.

**Parental Involvement in Education:** Discuss the positive impact of parental involvement in education, including supporting homework, attending school events, and fostering a conducive learning environment at home.

## **Films & Cinema**

**Genres and Subgenres:** Explore the diverse range of film genres, including drama, comedy, horror, science fiction, and documentary, and the unique storytelling conventions and audience appeal of each.

**Impact of Streaming Services:** Analyze the rise of streaming platforms like Netflix, Hulu, and Amazon Prime Video, and their impact on traditional movie theaters, distribution models, and audience viewing habits.

**Cinematic Adaptations:** Examine the trend of adapting literary works, historical events, and real-life stories into films, and the challenges of translating written narratives to the visual medium.