

Mastering the Paragraph: Building Blocks of Stories

Think like a builder: Lay your paragraphs one by one to construct a brilliant story!

- A paragraph is a group of sentences that focus on one single idea, character, or event.
- We start a new paragraph whenever the time, place, person, or topic changes in our story.
- Using fronted adverbials at the start of a paragraph helps the reader understand the change in setting or mood.
- Paragraphs create 'cohesion', which means your writing sticks together and is easy for the reader to follow.
- Remember to use an indentation or an empty line between paragraphs to give your writing room to breathe.

Did you know? Did you know? The word 'paragraph' comes from the Ancient Greek 'paragraphos', which literally means 'to write beside'. In the past, scribes used a small symbol called a pilcrow (¶) to show where a new idea began in a text!

Key vocabulary: cohesion · thematic shift · fronted adverbial · conjunction · narrative structure · indentation