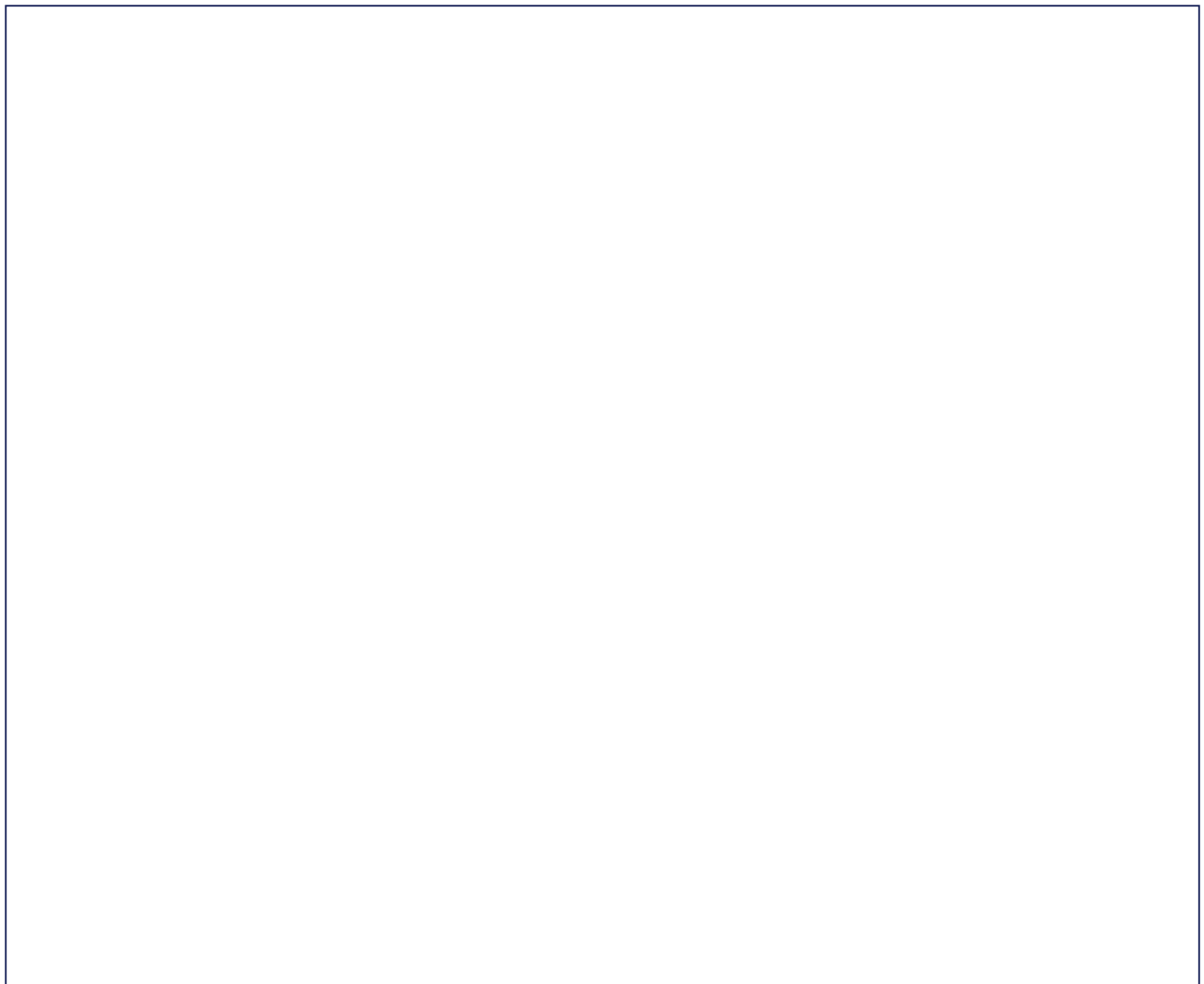


Paragraph Puzzles with Max the Monkey

Learning objective: To understand that a paragraph is a group of sentences that share a main idea, and to organise ideas into logical sections.

Max the Monkey is sorting his collection of forest facts! He has three different topics to write about: his favourite fruit, his treehouse, and his monkey friends. Help Max organise his ideas by drawing and labelling a 'Paragraph Map'.

Draw: Draw three large, clear rectangular boxes arranged in a row across the middle of your page. Inside each box, draw a small illustration: Box 1 should show a bunch of bananas (the fruit), Box 2 should show a treehouse in the branches, and Box 3 should show Max playing with his monkey friends. Around the boxes, draw arrows pointing to different parts to label them as 'Topic Sentence', 'Supporting Detail', and 'Ending'. Use colourful pens to make each box look like a different 'writing parcel'.



Label words: Introduction · Main Idea · Supporting Detail · Topic Sentence · Ending · Section

Steps:

1. Why is it important to start a new paragraph when you change the topic you are writing about?
2. Look at your drawing. Which part of your diagram shows the 'Topic Sentence'?
3. If Max is writing about his favourite fruit, what is one 'Supporting Detail' he could include?

4. Label the three boxes in your drawing to show which one represents the 'Treehouse' paragraph.
5. What do we call the very first sentence of a paragraph that tells the reader what it will be about?