

Mastering Paragraphs with Pip the Bookworm

Learning objective: To understand that a paragraph is a group of sentences that relate to the same idea or topic.

Read each card to learn about paragraphs. Look at the front, then flip it over to check your understanding of how to organise your writing.

What is a paragraph?

A paragraph is a group of sentences that are all about the same topic or idea.

When should you start a new paragraph?

You should start a new paragraph when you change the topic, the place, the time, or the person you are writing about.

How does Pip the Bookworm use paragraphs?

Pip uses paragraphs to keep his stories organised so the reader can follow the adventure easily.

Why do we use paragraphs?

They help to break up long pieces of writing and make them much easier to read.

True or False: A paragraph can contain just one sentence.

True. Sometimes a writer uses a short sentence as a paragraph for dramatic effect.

What is a 'topic sentence'?

A topic sentence is the first sentence in a paragraph that tells the reader what the paragraph is going to be about.

If you are writing about a lion eating breakfast and then he goes for a walk, should you start a new paragraph?

Yes, because the topic has changed from breakfast to going for a walk.

How can you show a reader that a new paragraph has started?

You can start on a new line and use a small indent or leave an extra empty line between paragraphs.

What is the 'structure' of a story?

The structure is how the story is built, using paragraphs to show the beginning, the middle, and the end.

How many sentences should be in a paragraph?

There is no set rule, but a paragraph usually has three or more sentences that support the main idea.

Why is 'organisation' important in writing?

It helps the reader to understand the story clearly without getting confused.

If you are writing about a forest in the morning and then change the scene to the forest at night, what should you do?

Start a new paragraph because the time has changed.