

The Explorer's Field Journal: Mastering Paragraphs

Learning objective: To structure a piece of writing using cohesive paragraphs, ensuring each paragraph focuses on a distinct theme or event.

Imagine you are an explorer joining Finn the dolphin on a voyage across the ocean. Use this template to record your observations. Remember: start a new paragraph whenever you change the time, the location, or the main subject of your writing. Use the word bank to help elevate your vocabulary.

Word bank: magnificent · subsequent · consequently · breathtaking · furthermore · transformation · nevertheless · navigation

1. Introduction: Describe the start of your journey. Who are you with, where are you departing from, and what is the atmosphere like? (3 marks)

2. The Middle Event: Describe a specific discovery you made while exploring. Use descriptive language to explain exactly what you saw. (3 marks)

3. The Turning Point: Explain a challenge or change that occurred during the voyage. Why was this moment significant to your journey? (3 marks)

4. Conclusion: Reflect on what you have learned. Justify why this expedition was important to your character's development. (3 marks)

5. Explain why it is important to start a new paragraph when moving from your description of the journey to the reflection in your conclusion. (2 marks)

6. Compare and contrast the tone of your introduction with the tone of your conclusion. How does the structure of your writing help convey these different emotions? (4 marks)

Extension challenge: Draft a 'lost' paragraph that could be inserted between your Middle Event and your Turning Point. How would you use a transition word (e.g., 'meanwhile', 'subsequently') to ensure the flow of the narrative remains smooth and logical?