

Mastering Paragraphs with Max the Monkey

Learning objective: To understand the function and structure of paragraphs to organise ideas in writing.

Use these flashcards to test your knowledge of paragraphing. Max the Monkey has helped you break down the rules of structure. Read the term on the left and check the answer on the right.

What is the main purpose of a paragraph?

To group related sentences together to organise ideas logically.

What is a 'topic sentence'?

The opening sentence that introduces the main idea of the paragraph.

Define 'cohesion' in writing.

The way sentences and paragraphs link together to make the text easy to follow.

When should you start a new paragraph?

When there is a change in time, place, speaker, or topic.

What are 'signposting' words?

Words or phrases like 'meanwhile', 'afterwards' or 'however' that help transition between paragraphs.

What does a 'chronological' structure mean?

Organising events in the order they happened in time.

How do conjunctions help with paragraph flow?

They connect clauses and sentences to improve the rhythm and link ideas smoothly.

What is the role of a 'concluding sentence' in a paragraph?

To summarise the point made or prepare the reader for the next section.

True or False: A paragraph must always be at least five sentences long.

False. Paragraphs can be as short as one sentence for dramatic effect.

How does clear paragraphing help the reader?

It prevents the reader from getting lost and makes the writing easier to understand.