

Mastering the Art of Paragraphing with Max and Pip

Build your writing block by block: Organise your ideas to help your story shine!

- A paragraph is a group of sentences that focus on one single idea or sub-topic. When you move to a new idea, time, place, or speaker, it is time to start a new paragraph.
- Use the P.E.E.L. method to build strong paragraphs: Point (the main idea), Evidence (a fact or quote), Explanation (why it matters), and Link (connecting it back to the overall theme).
- Transition words are the bridges between your paragraphs. Use words like 'furthermore', 'meanwhile', 'consequently', or 'in contrast' to help your writing flow smoothly for the reader.
- Paragraphs provide a visual 'breather' for the reader. Without them, a page of text looks like a wall of words that is difficult to navigate and understand.
- In dialogue, always start a brand new paragraph every single time a different character speaks. This keeps the conversation clear and prevents confusion.

Did you know? Did you know? The word 'paragraph' comes from the Greek word 'paragraphos', which literally means 'to write beside'. In ancient times, scribes would draw a small horizontal line in the margin to show where a new topic began, rather than starting on a new line!

Key vocabulary: Cohesion · Sub-topic · Transition · Chronological · Thematic · Paragraph break