

Mastering Paragraphs with Max the Monkey

Learning objective: To understand how to organize writing into paragraphs to group related ideas.

Read each flashcard. Max the Monkey uses these tips to keep his math stories tidy. Look at the word bank if you need help.

What is a paragraph?	When do we start a new paragraph?
A group of sentences about one main idea.	When we start a new topic or idea.
True or False: Paragraphs help writing stay tidy.	Max writes about bananas in one paragraph. Should he write about his bed in the same one?
True.	No, that is a new idea.
How does a paragraph help the reader?	If I change the time of day in my story, should I start a new paragraph?
It makes the writing easier to read and understand.	Yes, that is a good time to start a new paragraph.
What do we call the main subject of a paragraph?	Does a paragraph need to have many sentences?
The topic.	No, it just needs to group one idea together.
What does 'flow' mean in writing?	Where does a paragraph usually start?
It means the sentences link together smoothly.	On a new line, sometimes with a small space at the start.