




English for Eleventh Graders  
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Read the information about a paragraph structure. Then do the exercises below.

**A basic Paragraph - 4 key parts** 

1	<b>Topic sentence</b> – key topic in this paragraph.
2	<b>Development</b> – the main idea / topic discussed in more detail.
3	<b>Example</b> – support / evidence / data / statistics that show your development is valid / credible.
4	<b>Summary</b> – overall main point summarised / evaluated.

Good paragraphs begin with a topic sentence that briefly explains what the paragraph is about. Next come a few sentences for development and support, elaborating on the topic with more detail. Paragraphs end with a conclusion sentence that summarizes the topic or presents one final piece of support to wrap up.

1. Topic Sentence - The **topic sentence** is the sentence that lays out a preview of what the paragraph will be about. Think of it as a preview of the paragraph. It puts the reader's mindset into the right place to digest the information.
  2. Supporting Sentence - The **supporting sentence** is the most important part of the paragraph and provides details to support the topic sentence. If the topic sentence is about frogs, then the details should be about frogs as well. This section can be longer or shorter depending on the content and the writer's preference.
  3. **Concluding Sentence**- The **concluding sentence** wraps up the paragraph and ties back to the topic sentence. A conclusion could be a reiteration of the topic, an opinion based on the topic, or a way to wrap up the paragraph with a more **general statement**.
- I. Primero vamos a trabajar en español con el ánimo de que haya claridad.
1. Lea los dos textos a continuación e indique con un  cuál de los dos es un párrafo.

\_\_\_\_\_ *La actividad del sector turístico ha aumentado considerablemente en la ciudad y esto ha generado muy buenos ingresos para las personas que trabajan en este sector. Esta mejora es una*

consecuencia de que el gobierno haya organizado mejor el circuito turístico y de que haya hecho campañas de difusión de los lugares que se pueden visitar.

\_\_\_ De todas formas, es necesario que se actúa rápidamente para evitar que esta especie desaparezca. La famosa banda de rock se separó, al menos por un tiempo. El hotel del centro es el más antiguo del pueblo y también es aquel que tiene más comodidades.

2. Ahora justifique su elección anotando las razones a continuación.

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II. Now, do the same in English.

1. Decide which of this two is a paragraph. Mark it with a tick. ✓

\_\_\_ Anina was ten years old, so even half asleep she could find her way from her room to the bathroom. The door to her room was usually open a crack, and the nightlight in the hallway made it light enough to get to the bathroom past the telephone.

2. \_\_\_ Anina quietly opened her door and slipped through it into the hallway. The river bank was now empty. The crocodile moved its head back and forth letting out a loud hissing sound.

3. Give the reasons for your choice. (Explica por qué uno de los dos es un párrafo y por qué no).

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### Example Paragraph

Electric cars are the future in the auto industry. As climate change gets worse, governments are going to start limiting the number of gasoline cars being built. The cost of gas will continue to rise, which will make it harder for people to afford to run gas powered cars. As battery technology improves, electric cars will be able to travel further on a charge and cost less to buy. Eventually most gas powered cars will be replaced by electric cars.

Topic Sentence  
Supporting Sentences  
Concluding Sentence

4. Find the structure of the following paragraph and color the topic sentence in red, the supporting sentences in green, and the conclusion sentence in blue.

*I like going to the library because I can concentrate more effectively on doing my homework. It is a very quiet place, with designated study areas where people read in peace. When I go there, I sit in the corner because I do not like anybody disturbing me. Also, everybody respects the place and they try to not make any noise. Sometimes the library has special celebrations. Even though on these days it gets too noisy to study, I can manage the situation so I can concentrate better by asking someone to let me into one of the study rooms. There is no place like the library to really focus on my assignments.*

III. Order the following sentences in order to set a paragraph and rewrite it below.

- This made a flat kind of bread for the people to eat.
- Bread has been an important food for people for a very long time.
- People back then made dough with crushed up grain and water.
- The first bread was made thousands of years ago.
- Then they baked the dough on hot stones.

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