# PARAGRAPH WRITING

**Miss Suominen** 

## LEARNING GOAL

To write a strong paragraph and get to know you better!

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What makes a good topic sentence?

- It includes the main idea or topic of the paragraph
- It grabs the reader's attention

#### Grab the readers' attention! (Dinosaurs)

- 1. Onomatopoeia- Stomp. Grumble. Growl.
- 2. Question- What if you came eye to eye with a Tyrannosaurus Rex?
- 3. Amazing Fact- Did you know the Brachiosaurus was 39 feet tall?
- Quote- (Doesn't have to be famous) My friend said, "This place is ancient."
- Excitement- On No! The dinosaur is going to eat me for lunch!
- Opinion- I think the changes in climate killed the dinosaurs.
- Humor- (Simile or Hyperbole)- The Coelophysis is faster than lightning!
- 8. Repetition- Help! Help! Help!
- 9. Shocker- It all started when I was in the mouth of a Brontosaurus!
- 10. Curiosity- Imagine going back in time to the days of dinosaurs.



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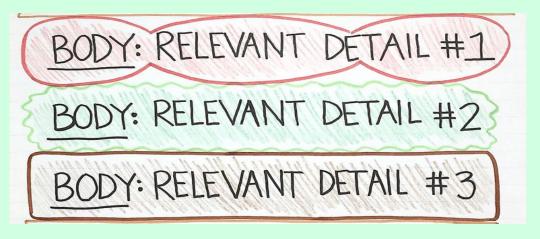
6. Opinion- I think the changes in climate killed the dinosaurs.

You may know my name is Miss S, but here are some other things **that I think** you should know about me.

## THE BODY / RELEVANT DETAILS

Key Reminders:

- Within a paragraph you need to stick to the topic
- Every sentence is RELATED to the topic sentence
- Every sentence gives details, examples, or a clear picture in the reader's mind of what your topic is



### TRANSITION WORDS

- Start- in the beginning, first of all, to begin with, in the first place, one example, to start, at first, to get started
- Alike- at the same time, simultaneously, similarly, in the same way, by the same token, together with, as well as, likewise, additionally, equally, identically, like, also, again, likewise, comparatively
- Different- although, on the other hand, besides, regardless, however, nevertheless, in contrast, different from, instead, whereas, despite, otherwise, rather, even though, in spite of
- Continue- next, later on, then, soon, in addition, furthermore, in a moment, eventually, second, another reason, another example, afterward, meanwhile
- Time- at the present time, as soon as, all of a sudden, at this instant, until now, before, when, as long as, sooner or later, from time to time, immediately, suddenly, prior to, during, by the time, whenever, instantly, occasionally
- Effect- as a result, in that case, for that reason, consequently, therefore, accordingly, so, thus
- Support- to put it another way, another key point, especially, to point out, in particular, in fact, notably, certainly, surely, indeed, truly, to demonstrate, to illustrate
- Place- in front of, beyond, nearby, around, beneath, among, in the middle, here and there, down, between, up, over, alongside, wherever, across, below, to the left/right
- End- in conclusion, last, so you can see, in short, in the end, to summarize, finally, all thing considered, in the long run, after all, altogether, overall, in any event, all in all

## EXAMPLE

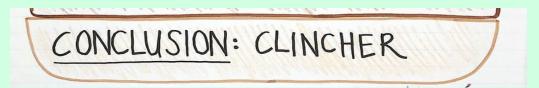
Sentence 1:

- Start-
- **First of all**, you should know that I am passionate about rescuing and fostering dogs .

Sentence 2:

- Continue-
- **Secondly,** you should know that I am terrified of bugs. Sentence 3:
  - End-
  - **Finally**, I think that you should know that I love to play any type of sport.

## THE CONCLUSION



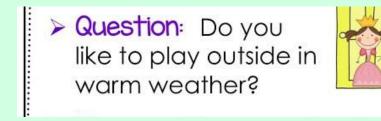
How do you end off your paragraph?

- Summarize the main ideas/ topic of your paragraph
- Like the topic sentence, be creative!



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## EXAMPLE



Those are a couple of things that I think you should know about me, **what should I know about you?** 

## MISS S' PARAGRAPH

You may know my name is Miss S, but here are some other things **that I think** you should know about me. **First of all**, you should know that I love dogs. **Secondly**, you should know that I am terrified of bugs. **Finally**, I think that you should know that my background is Finnish and Italian. These are a couple of things that I think you should know about me, **what should I know about you?** 

What do you notice about the appearance of my paragraph?



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