

Tips for Writing a Five Sentence Paragraph

Follow the steps to compose a great paragraph, insha Allah!

Sentence 1: Topic sentence

The main idea sentence/topic sentence is a general sentence that introduces the main idea (most important) of the paragraph.

Samples:

Let me tell you about...
Have you ever wondered about...
Have you ever wondered why...
I like to _____ for many reasons.
I know how to _____. First ...
I think _____ was _____ for many reasons.
I just learned facts about...
Let me tell you how _____ and _____ are alike.
Let me tell you how _____ and _____ are different.
It's fun to _____. First you...
Many changes happen to _____ as they grow.
People used to think _____, but now we know...
_____ was a _____ person.

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Sentence 2: detail that supports topic sentence

Sentence 3: detail that supports topic sentence

Sentence 4: detail that supports topic sentence

Supporting Detail Sentences

Next add two or three supporting detail sentences which explain, prove or support the main idea sentence

You can begin your detail sentences with transition words:

Level 2 Transition Words		
one is	first	moreover
another is	second	furthermore
the other is	third	above all
also	besides	in addition to
next	then	to begin with
secondly		
Level 3 Transition Words		

specifically	for example	to explain
for instance	in other words	to describe
restated	translated	actually
by the way	for instance	however
in the first place	meanwhile	on the other hand
yet	afterward	for example
furthermore	in the meantime	never the less
similarly	consequently	otherwise
as a matter of fact	better yet	

Sentence 5: Concluding sentence, that summarizes/wraps up or restates main idea/topic sentence. Begin the concluding sentence with a transition word (see below)

*Terminal Words		
in conclusion	to sum up	in summary
to conclude	as a result	for these reasons
as one can see	in short	I conclude that
finally	A transition word is usually followed by a comma.	

Sample Closing Sentence: Now you can see why I love baseball.

Remember this helpful hint:

Closing

Adjectives

Transitions

Sensory Images

Don't forget to check your work before submitting it!

Proofreading Checklist

- Did I spell words correctly?
- Did I indent my paragraph?
- Did I use capital letters correctly?
- Did I use correct marks at the end of the sentences?
- Did I use words that describe?
- Did I use a main idea sentence?
- Did I write supporting detail sentences that relate to the main idea?
- Did I write a closing sentence?
- Did I use my best handwriting?

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