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**PARAGRAPH WRITING**

**What is a Paragraph?**

A paragraph is a group of sentences that share a common idea about a certain topic.

**A basic paragraph has three or more sentences.**

A Paragraph is made up of three parts:

**1. Introduction**: Also called the topic sentence. The introduction or topic sentence is the subject you are going to write about.

2. **Supporting details**: Ideas that backup your topic sentence.

3. **Conclusion**: The sentence that will end your writing. A conclusion should be no more than two sentences.

**Rules to Writing a Paragraph**

* Remember to use only ONE topic when writing a paragraph. As your writing matures, (grows) you will be able to write two or more paragraphs about the same topic.
* A paragraph has to have at least *one supporting detail*. As your writing grows, you will be expected to use more supporting sentences.
* A paragraph needs to focus on the topic sentence. Writing that is not centered on the topic or is too long will often cause the reader to become confused and lose interest.

**The Correct Method of Paragraph Writing**

Inorder for your paragraph to flow, or make sense, use transitional or sequence words: **first, next, then, last, finally**.

**Grammatical Use**

* Correct grammar: Periods, commas, question marks, and proper spacing are a few details to writing a proper paragraph.
* Vocabulary: Proper word choice and spelling.

**Proof Reading**

* Proof reading is the process of finding and fixing spelling, grammar, punctuation and formatting mistakes. It is the last step in the writing process.
* Often proofreading requires reading your writing piece several times.
* Proofreading once IS NOT considered actual proofreading.