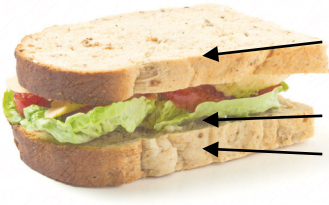


Writing workshop The paragraph



Here is some information about paragraphs.

A paragraph is a series of sentences with the same topic or central idea. The length of a paragraph depends on the topic and what the writer wants to say. Like a sandwich, there are three parts to a paragraph:



- 1. Topic sentence:** This is usually the first sentence. It expresses the main idea of the paragraph.
- 2. Supporting sentences:** These develop the idea of the topic sentence.
- 3. Concluding sentence:** This is a final statement about the main idea.

A well-written paragraph has four characteristics:

- 1. Unity:** The paragraph should discuss only one idea.
- 2. Completeness:** There are enough supporting sentences to explain the topic.
- 3. Cohesion:** There is a smooth, continuous flow of ideas. Cohesion is helped by the use of personal pronouns (*I, we, you, she, he, it, they*), demonstrative pronouns (*this, that, these, those*), articles (*a, an, the*), synonyms, and transitions (*first, next, then, ...*).
- 4. Continuity:** Each sentence grows out of the previous one and leads naturally into the next.



Draw lines from the boxes to the parts of the paragraph that they refer to.

Topic sentence

Supporting sentence 1

Supporting sentence 2

Personal pronouns

The sandwich has an interesting history. This food was named after John Montagu (1718-1792), 4th Earl of Sandwich, England, who ordered his servant to bring him meat between two pieces of bread when he was playing cards. Since then, the sandwich has usually consisted of two slices of bread with fillings between them. By the early 20th century, it was popular in the United States. Furthermore, it quickly became America's most popular meal. The sandwich is now a popular type of food around the world.

Supporting sentence 3

Supporting sentence 4

Concluding sentence

articles

Demonstrative pronouns

Transitions

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