

## Exercise 10

*Think about some of the skills you need when you approach the IELTS Reading test.*

*Complete the summary of what you have learnt in this unit.*

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| argument | comments          | main idea | negative   | personal opinion |
|          | supporting points |           | surprising |                  |

1. Each paragraph in a Reading passage contains a \_\_\_\_\_. This is often, but not always, introduced in the first sentence of the paragraph.
2. A paragraph contains many sentences. Some of these sentences will be \_\_\_\_\_ related to the main idea. These might contain background information or information which contrasts with the main idea.
3. Writers usually present facts if they are describing or explaining something. However, a writer will sometimes give his or her \_\_\_\_\_ on those facts.
4. Writers may do this by adding an extra word which \_\_\_\_\_ on a fact. For example, the word 'remarkably' shows that the writer finds the fact \_\_\_\_\_. The word 'unfortunately' shows that the writer thinks something is \_\_\_\_\_.
5. A writer may use a paragraph to present an \_\_\_\_\_ (an opinion that the writer would like to give reasons for). Sometimes, a writer may present background information, only to contrast it later in the paragraph with what he or she really wants to say.