

## PRE-INTERMEDIATE UNIT 7

### paragraphs

#### speakout WRITING TIP

Most texts are divided into paragraphs, a group of sentences about one main topic. When we start writing about a different topic, we start a new paragraph.

When you write a paragraph, it should present information clearly. A typical paragraph presents the main idea, gives information to support the main idea and finishes with a conclusion.

#### 1A Read the two paragraphs and put the sentences in the correct order (1–8).

- Finally, I decided that the only way to learn English quickly was to go abroad.
- Because I didn't know any foreign languages, it was hard to find a job.
- I used to look everywhere for jobs, for example online, but they always asked for English.
- One of the best decisions I ever made was to learn English abroad.
- Now, I have a great job and I speak English everyday.
- After three months my English was much better.
- I went to a language school in the morning, and I worked in a hotel in the afternoon.
- I wanted to go to a big city, so I decided to go to Dublin in Ireland.

#### B Which sentences ...

- present the main idea?
- give information to support the main idea?
- provide a conclusion.



#### 2A Unjumble the words to make phrases for writing about a change in someone's life.

- example, / spent / I / a / For / all day / in front of / computer.
- my / love / I / Now / job!
- hated / work. / I / going to / Before that,
- a teacher. / and / become / was / best decisions / One of the / my office job / I ever made / to quit
- back / to / went / So / college. / I
- I wanted to / as a primary / decided to train / school teacher. / not just make money, / help people, / so I

#### B Which sentences ...

- present the main idea?
- give information to support the main idea?
- provide a conclusion.

#### 3 Write two paragraphs about a change in your life. Use the paragraph plan for ideas. Write 80–100 words.

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#### Plan your writing

- Think about the life change you are going to write about.
- What was it?
- Try to use some of the phrases below:  
*One of the best decisions I ever made was ...*  
*I wanted to ..., so I ...*  
*Before that, I used to ...*  
*For example, I ...*  
*Because I didn't ...*  
*So I went ...*  
*Now, I ...*

#### Check your writing

- Do you have a main idea in each paragraph with information to support it?
- Have you finished or concluded each paragraph?
- Have you checked your grammar and spelling?
- Did you find any mistakes?