

**What is an essay?****Score: _____/10 points****Complete the following paragraph with the words in the box.**

paragraph	conclusion	essay	no	rules
length	capital	full stop	one	two

In colleges around the world, students are required to write essays. But what is an essay? And how can you write a good one? In this short essay, we will discuss essay writing and the parts of an essay.

An 1. _____ is simply a piece of writing that contains many paragraphs and expresses one or more main ideas. An academic essay is one written for a college or university. It usually ranges in 2. _____ from 250 words to many thousands of words.

A 3. _____ is a group of sentences with a main idea.

When you are writing a paragraph, it is important to make sure you follow some basic 4. _____. First of all, you must begin each sentence with a word that has a 5. _____ letter. Also, make sure that you end each sentence with a 6. _____ or a question mark. It is important to put 7. _____ space after a comma, and 8. _____ spaces after a full stop. There are 9. _____ spaces before a comma or a full stop.

Finally, every essay should have an introduction at the beginning, several body paragraphs in the middle and a clear 10. _____ at the end. Can you identify the introduction, body paragraphs and conclusion in this essay?