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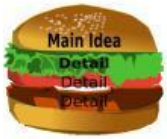
Vocabulary: Match the Image

Instructions: Read the words and definitions below. Then draw lines connecting the words to the pictures that best match them.

Word	Line Connecting Word to Image	Image
main idea The most important point or message in a piece of writing.		
landfills Places where trash is buried in the ground.		
conserve To protect something from being wasted or used up.		
environment The natural world around us, including air, water, and land.		
pollution Harmful things in the air, water, or land that make it dirty.		
natural resources Things found in nature that people use, like water, trees, and oil.		
recycling Turning old things into new things to use again.		

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Unscramble the Sentences: Protecting Our Environment

Directions: Unscramble the words below to create a complete sentence about protecting the environment. Each sentence uses one of our key vocabulary words. Capitalize the first word and end with a period.

Example: [recycling / environment / helps / the / protect]

Recycling helps protect the environment.

1. [old / things / into / recycling / new / turns / products]

2. [trash / ends / less / up / in / landfills / we / when / recycle]

3. [nature / resources / found / in / are / natural / things]

4. [harmful / pollution / is / that / the / earth / dirties]

5. [important / it / is / to / water / conserve / every / day]

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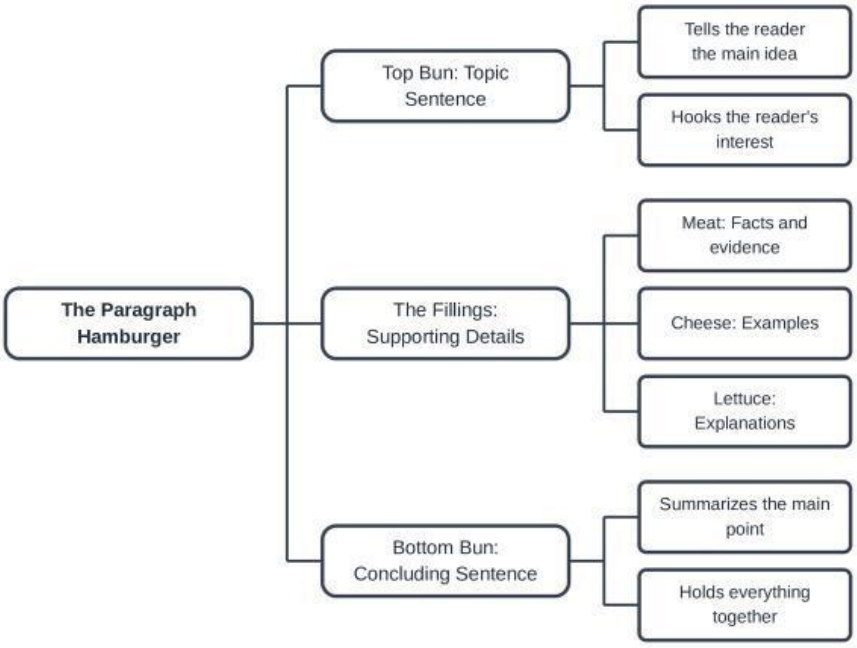
The Anatomy of a Paragraph

Just like a delicious hamburger, a strong paragraph is built in layers. Each part has a specific job to do to make the whole paragraph satisfying and complete. Use this 'Hamburger Model' to understand how to structure your writing about the environment.



The structure of a perfect paragraph

Sample Paragraph: Why We Recycle	
Paragraph Part	**Sentence Content**
🍔 **Topic Sentence** (Top Bun)	**Recycling is one of the most effective ways that individuals can help protect our planet's environment.**
🥬 **Supporting Detail 1** (The Fillings)	First, recycling reduces the amount of waste that is sent to landfills, which prevents soil and water pollution.
🧀 **Supporting Detail 2** (The Fillings)	Additionally, using recycled materials to make new products saves a significant amount of energy compared to using raw resources.
🥩 **Supporting Detail 3** (The Fillings)	For example, recycling aluminum cans uses 95% less energy than making brand new ones from bauxite ore.
🍔 **Concluding Sentence** (Bottom Bun)	**By consistently recycling everyday items, we can conserve natural resources and ensure a cleaner world for the future.**

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Example Paragraph: Protecting Our Oceans
Pollution is a major threat to the health of our world's oceans and the creatures that live in them. **First**, millions of tons of plastic enter the sea every year, creating massive garbage patches that harm marine life. **In addition**, chemical runoff from farms and factories can create 'dead zones' where oxygen levels are too low for fish to survive. **For instance**, many sea turtles accidentally eat plastic bags because they mistake them for jellyfish, which can make them very sick. **Ultimately**, we must take immediate action to reduce waste and stop harmful chemicals from entering the water to ensure our oceans remain vibrant and healthy.

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Paragraph Planning Workshop

Part 1: Crafting Strong Topic Sentences

A strong topic sentence does two things: it names your **topic** and states your **main idea** (what you want to say about that topic). It should be specific enough to guide the paragraph but broad enough to cover all your details.

Practice: Write a topic sentence for each environmental theme below.

Theme 1: Plastic Pollution (Focus on how it affects the ocean)

Theme 2: Water Conservation (Focus on why saving water at home matters)

Theme 3: Local Wildlife (Focus on protecting animals in your neighborhood)

Part 2: Paragraph Graphic Organizer

Use this organizer to plan your full paragraph about protecting the environment. Remember the 'Hamburger Model': your topic sentence and concluding sentence are the buns that hold your supporting details together.

The Flow of a Strong Paragraph

Plan your paragraph in a logical sequence.

✨ **Transition Word Bank**

Use these words to help your ideas flow smoothly: *First*, *Additionally*, *For example*, *Furthermore*, *Consequently*, *In conclusion*.

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🍔 **The Top Bun: Topic Sentence**

State your main idea about protecting the environment clearly.

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🥩 **The Filling: Supporting Details & Evidence** *Provide three specific facts or examples to support your topic sentence.*
Detail 1:
Detail 2:
Detail 3:
🍔 **The Bottom Bun: Concluding Sentence** *Restate your main idea in a new way and wrap up your thoughts.*

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Drafting and Self-Check

Final Draft: Protecting Our Environment

Use your completed Paragraph Graphic Organizer to write your final paragraph below. Remember to use transition words from your word bank (*First*, *Additionally*, *For example*, *Furthermore*, *Consequently*, *In conclusion*) to help your ideas flow smoothly.

Self-Correction Rubric

Review your draft and check off each item once you have confirmed it is in your paragraph.

Requirement	Check
I included a clear **Topic Sentence** (Top Bun) that states my main idea.	
I included at least **three Supporting Details** (The Filling) with facts or examples.	
I used **Transition Words** to connect my ideas.	

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I included a **Concluding Sentence** (Bottom Bun) that restates my main idea.	

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