



## What is an essay?

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Complete the following paragraph with the words in the box.

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| 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?