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.

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.

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