

Writing (Chapter 03)

A paragraph writing

► What is a paragraph?

↳ A paragraph is a group of sentences about one main idea. It can be short or long, depending on the supporting ideas. A paragraph is no longer than 10 lines.

► How many parts are there in a paragraph?

1. **A topic sentence:** key topic or main idea in the paragraph
2. **Supporting sentences:** the supporting ideas that discussed in more detail. In each supporting idea contents example, support, evidence.
3. **A concluding sentence:** Overall main point summarized or evaluated.

► Sample Paragraph 1:

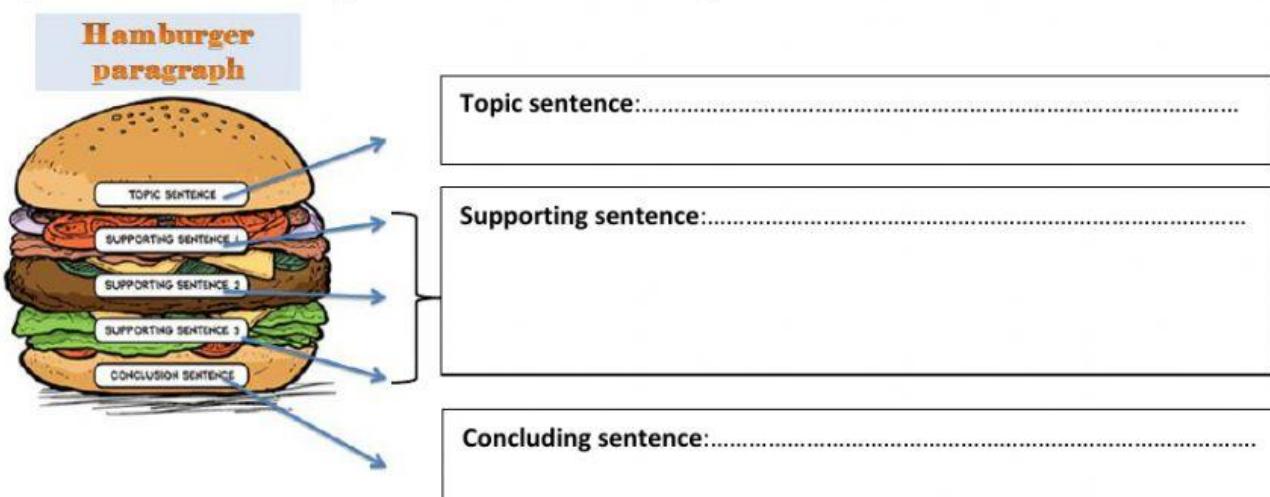
Cats are good pets. You don't have to take a cat for a walk every day like a dog. You do not have to wash cats because they know how to clean themselves. If you want to go on vacation, you can leave some food and water for your cat and it will be okay. A cat can sleep on your bed and keep you warm at night. I think these things make cats good pets.

► Sample Paragraph 2:

Friday is my favourite day because I spend the day at the beach with my family. I especially enjoy Friday afternoons because the beach is empty. Therefore, we have the opportunity to play ball games without disturbing anyone else. We also enjoy the delicious seafood at the local restaurant and discuss our week and share stories. **On Fridays, I am at my happiest because I get to relax at my favourite place while spending time with the people I love the most.**

► Exercise 1: Identify the topic sentence, supporting ideas, concluding sentence

The most important problem in our city is its poor public transportation system. Thousands of residents rely on the city's buses and taxis to travel throughout this large city, while the Metro Transportation System's daily schedules are totally unreliable. A bus or taxi that should arrive at 7:45 may not arrive until 8:00 or later. Moreover, it is not unusual for a bus driver to pass up groups of people waiting for the bus because he wants to make up for lost time. Unfortunately, people often end up going to work late or missing important appointments. In order for people to get to their destinations on time, people must allow for waiting time at the bus and taxis stops.



► Exercise 2: Write a paragraph about "Your holiday".