

Parts of a Paragraph

PARAGRAPHING

A paragraph has three main parts: the topic sentence, the supporting details, and the conclusion. The first sentence of a paragraph is always indented. The topic sentence tells what the paragraph is about. The details tell more about the topic. The concluding sentence restates the topic or reminds the reader what the paragraph was about.

Look at each set of sentences. Write **topic**, **detail**, or **concluding** to identify each sentence.

1 Everyone plays a different position.

The various positions are defender, midfielder, forward, and goalie.

They pass the ball to each other and hope to score a goal.

Soccer is a team sport.

The players on a soccer team need to work together to win the game.

2 You change its shavings once a week.

A hamster is an ideal pet for a busy fifth grader.

You only need to give it food and water once a day.

Every fifth grader should have a hamster for a pet.

It's a cute animal to hold and pet, but when you're busy it's happy without you.

3 Call your friends ahead of time to meet you at the pool.

Bring a towel and be sure to put on lots of sunscreen.

Spending a day at the pool is great summer fun.

Pack a lunch for when you're hungry.

The best way to spend a summer day is with your friends at the pool.



Write a topic sentence, three supporting details, and a concluding sentence for a topic of your choice.