

Advanced 1
Unit 1 Writing
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Paragraph Development

paragraph = a group of sentences which develop one central idea

Different Parts of a Paragraph

Topic Sentence = a sentence at the beginning of the paragraph which includes the main idea of the whole paragraph

Support Sentences (The Body)

- Major Support Sentences => Directly Related to the Topic Sentence
- Minor Support Sentences => Directly Related to the Major Support Sentences and Indirectly Related to the Topic Sentence

Concluding Sentence => either the paraphrase of the topic sentence or the summary of the sentences in the body of the paragraph

Example:

Steps to Positivity in the Classroom

Success in college depends on many things, but one of the most important is having a positive attitude. There are many ways to develop a positive outlook. You can try using encouraging self-talk to motivate yourself. For example, if you tell yourself that you are smart and can be successful, you are more likely to do well in your classes. Helping others to be successful is also a way of maintaining a positive attitude. When you see that college is not a competition, you will see success come to you and those who work closely with you. Finally, you can develop a positive attitude by viewing difficult situations as opportunities to grow. For example, if you are struggling in a class because the material is challenging, don't let yourself feel down about it. Instead, take action! Visit your professor or form a study group. Getting help will enable you to learn the material and therefore do better in your class. By using encouraging self-talk, helping others, and utilizing difficult moments as an opportunity to grow, you will have the optimistic outlook that will enable you to succeed in college—and in life!

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Commented [M9]: Concluding Sentence (Summary of the Body)

Topic Sentence: Success in college depends on many things, but one of the most important is having a positive attitude.

Major supporting details:

- Using encouraging self-talk
- Helping others to be successful
- Viewing difficult situations as an opportunity to grow

Minor supporting details:

- Using self-talk: tell yourself you are smart.
- Helping others be successful: don't see college as a competition.
- Viewing difficult situations as an opportunity to grow: visit a professor or form a study group.

Source:

[NROC Developmental English Foundations](#)

The Qualities of a Well-Organized Paragraph

Unity = All the sentences are directly or indirectly related to the topic sentence and there is no irrelevant sentence in the paragraph.

Coherence = the logical links between the sentences

Completeness = There must be enough information and details in the paragraph to develop the topic sentence properly.

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