

- a. What is the topic of the paragraph?
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- b. What is the main idea about the topic?
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- c. What ideas help explain the main idea?
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Paragraph organization

➤ What makes a paragraph?

A paragraph has three basic parts:

1. The topic sentence. This is the main idea of the paragraph. It is usually the first sentence of the paragraph, and it is the most general sentence of the paragraph.

2. The supporting sentences. These are sentences that talk about or explain the topic sentence. They are more detailed ideas that follow the topic sentence.

3. The concluding sentence. This may be found as the last sentence of a paragraph. It can finish a paragraph by repeating the main idea or just giving a final comment about the topic.

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