

# 3 The Development of a Paragraph

In this unit, you will learn ...

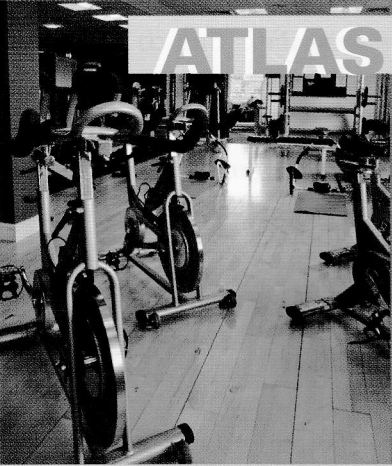
- methods of paragraph support and development.
- how to write concluding sentences.
- how to do peer editing.

## Paragraph development

After you have chosen a topic and written a topic sentence, you *develop* your main idea by adding more information to explain what you mean. This unit will explain three common ways to develop a paragraph: giving *details*, giving an *explanation*, and giving an *example*.

## Details

- 1 Details are specific points that tell more about a general statement. Read this brochure from a health club. Notice the details that help develop the paragraph.



**ATLAS HEALTH CENTER**

You'll love working out at the Atlas Health Center, and you'll love what it does for you! We have state-of-the-art exercise equipment in large, air-conditioned rooms. You can work out alone or with the help of one of our professional personal trainers. If you like to exercise with friends, join an aerobics or swimming class — or even try kickboxing! Our staff nutrition experts are always on hand to talk with you about health issues. When you've finished, you can relax with a whirlpool bath or a sauna. Come exercise with us at Atlas, and you'll soon be feeling strong and looking good.

- 2 In the paragraph above, underline the topic sentence. Below, list the details used to support the topic sentence. Compare your answers with a partner.

- a. ....
- b. ....
- c. ....
- d. ....
- e. ....
- f. ....