

Paragraph Writing

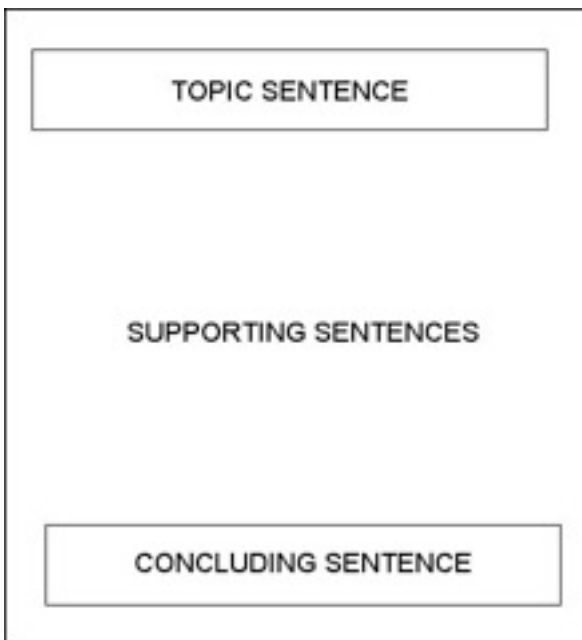
A paragraph is a group of sentences that gives detailed information about one topic, or main idea.

There are three main parts to a paragraph: (1) a topic sentence, (2) five or more supporting sentences, and (3) a concluding sentence.

(1) The topic sentence states the main idea of the paragraph.

(2) The supporting sentences give details, facts, reasons, and other information to support or illustrate the statement in the topic sentence.

(3) The concluding sentence restates the main idea of the topic sentence.



Topic sentence:

Making butter cookies is simple and requires only three ingredients and three easy steps.

Supporting sentences:

•Details about ingredients and explanation of the steps for making butter cookies.

•Information organized by sequence (First, Next, Finally).

Concluding sentence:

With this simple recipe, you can have delicious butter cookies with three ingredients prepared in just three easy steps.

Making butter cookies is simple and requires only three ingredients and three easy steps. First, gather your ingredients. You will need a 450 gram block of butter, a bag of pastry flour, and a cup of icing sugar. Let the butter soften at room temperature. Next, combine the ingredients, adding sugar and flour in small amounts. Knead the ingredients together with your hands until they make a thick, pale dough. Usually, four cups of flour and one cup of icing sugar will be needed. But some people may prefer less sugar in their cookies. Finally, roll the dough, cut it into shapes, and bake at 225 degrees for about 15 minutes or until the cookies begin to turn slightly brown. With this simple recipe, you can have delicious butter cookies with three ingredients prepared in just three easy steps.