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**Paragraph Structure**

A paragraph is a series of sentences meant to show a perspective on a specific point.

**It has three parts:**

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| 1. It begins with the **topic sentence**, which states the **argument or answer to a question**.
2. **Each sentence** in a paragraph exists for the purpose of proving the topic sentence true.
	* Follow the **POINT**, **PROOF**, **COMMENT** structure;
	* **state your POINT** the prove the topic sentence
	* **state PROOF** to prove the **point**
	* **COMMENT** on how that proof **proves** the **point**
3. The last sentence **concludes the paragraph** by tying lose ends together.
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**What do POINTS, PROOF and COMMENTS look like?**

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| **POINTS** | * **Points are BRIEF**
* **Points focus on ONE IDEA**
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| **PROOFS** | * **Proofs are SPECIFIC**
* **Proofs may be COMPARISON, EXAMPLES, or HYPOTHETICALS**
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| **COMMENTS** | * **Comments EXPLAIN how the proof proves the point.**
* **Comments LINK back to the TOPIC SENTENCE**
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**Tips for paragraphs:**

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| **DO** | **DON’T** |
| **Be formal in writing** | **Use slang (gonna, LOL, etc.)** |
| **Use “you” or “I”** |
| **State the way it IS (not what you THINK it is)** | **Use “I think” or “I believe”** |
| **Follow paragraph structure with FULL and DETAILED information** | **Write anything wherever** |

**Example of Point / Proof / Comment in Action:**

**Quotations are never alone in sentences.**

**Introduce with your words that flow grammatically well into the quotation.**

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**Closely follow this punctuation: “ ” (44).**

**NOT THIS: “ ”. (44)**

**AND NOT THIS: “ .” (44)**

**An intelligent comment connects the proof back to the argument.**

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**Proof**

**Point**

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**Comment**