

Writing a paragraph

Definition

It is a set of sentences namely known as: topic sentence, supporting sentences and a concluding sentence.

A. Topic sentences

It is frequently the first sentence in a paragraph. It is the initiation of an idea where all the subsequent sentences are supporting elements. Well structured paragraph discusses only one idea. *The ideal topic sentence must contain a topic and a controlling idea.*

Topic: the subject matter

Controlling idea: provides directions to the topic

Activity

Sort out the topic and the controlling idea

- Israel has launched more than four times attacks on Lebanon
- At least 22 people were killed and 117 injured in Israeli strikes in Beirut
- Lebanese Prime Minister Najib Mikati said the attacks came with no warning and killed 22 people, all civilians, and injured another 117
- Artificial intelligence can generate high-quality, creative content, including text, images, videos, and music
- The fifth generation of mobile networks, 5G, promises significantly faster data download and upload speeds, wider coverage, and more stable connections
- Enhanced VR technologies are offering more immersive and realistic experiences.
- Augmented reality technology is transforming the retail industry by allowing consumers to visualize products in a real-world context through their devices.

B. Supporting sentences

They make the body of the paragraph as they back up the topic sentence. You may provide details, explanation, examples to develop your idea.

Example

- AR technology is transforming the retail industry by allowing consumers to visualize products in a real-world context through their devices. This trend is evident in applications that let users try on clothes virtually or see how furniture would look in their homes before purchasing.

These interactive experiences enhance customer satisfaction, increase sales, and reduce return rates

- The expansion of 5G is facilitating transformative technologies like IoT, augmented reality, and autonomous vehicles by providing the high-speed, low-latency connections they require. This technology is crucial for enabling real-time communications and processing large amounts of data with minimal delay, thereby supporting a new wave of technological innovation.

C. Concluding sentence

It is the ending sentences in a paragraph in which you restate the idea of the topic sentence by changing words or order, summarizing the concept without repetition of words, and you may let the reader think of the topic.

Activity 2

Since the conclusion is restating the topic sentence, try to provide each of the following topic sentences :

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