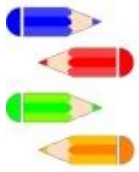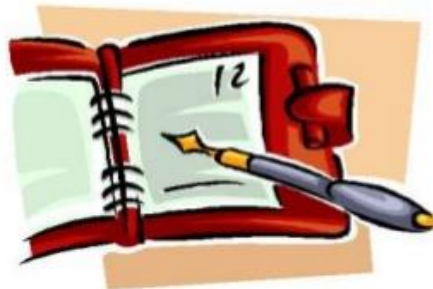# Chapter 1: The Structure of Paragraph
- What are the parts of a paragraph?
- How to construct an appropriate topic sentence?
- How to support the topic sentence?
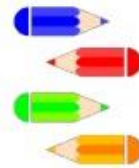
What is a paragraph?
A paragraph is a group of sentences that tells about one subject or area.
Each sentence in a paragraph must give information about the topic.
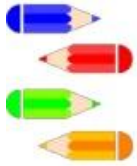
HOW TO WRITE A PARAGRAPH

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A good paragraph is the one which regularly should consist of three main parts:

1. The topic sentence (=Topic +main idea, The hock). It is usually the first sentence in a paragraph. Sometimes the topic sentence is called a controlling idea.

 2. The supporting sentence (details, facts, opinions, illustrations, examples etc.). It supports the information that makes the topic sentence more interesting or help explaining it more clearly. It includes specific details.

3. The concluding sentence (Summarizes/ restates the topic sentence and the supporting sentences). It reminds what a topic sentence is about.

PARAGRAPH SAMPLE

My Dog Romeo is so much fun to play with. One reason he's fun is because he loves to play catch. What's also fun is that he follows me around the house with a toy and drops it on my foot, so I will kick it. Additionally, he can catch just about anything, but his favorite thing to catch is a Frisbee. Finally, he loves it when I pretend like I'm falling dead, and he runs over to lick me. All these reasons show why I really have fun playing with Romeo.

Red is the topic sentence
Blue is the supporting details
Brown is the conclusion.

- We should know that a good paragraph will not be complete if any of above parts is missed.
- Each part has its own role to contribute in forming the good paragraph.
- As concerning the length of the paragraph, it can be as short as one sentence or as long as ten sentences.

Saltwater boils at a higher temperature than freshwater; therefore, food cooks faster in saltwater.

Saltwater boils at a higher temperature than freshwater; food cooks faster in saltwater.

The company's sales increased last year, yet its profits declined.

Tom has benefitted from his exercise program; he is slim and energetic.

They eat a lot of fish and vegetables. They eat lightly.

What is cohesion?
What is coherence?
What is the relation between cohesion/coherence and writing?
Can a cohesive text alone be sufficient to understand the message?
Can a coherent discourse alone be sufficient to understand a text message?
Cohesion is the connections that have their manifestation in the discourse / text.

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