



Paragraph Writing

Learning Outcomes

- Students will learn how to write a well-structured paragraph with a clear topic sentence, supporting details, and a conclusion.

Paragraph

A **Paragraph** is a group of sentences that are organised and relate to a single topic. A paragraph can stand by itself because it is the development of a single main thought, idea or experience.

Features of a Good Paragraph

There are four essential elements for writing a good paragraph.

1. Unity

Unity in a paragraph begins with the topic sentence. Every paragraph has one single controlling idea that is expressed in its topic sentence.

2. Order

Order refers to the way you organise your supporting sentences. A reader easily understands a well organised paragraph. Order helps the reader group the meaning and avoid unnecessary confusion.

3. Coherence

Coherence is the quality that makes writing understandable. Sentences within a paragraph need to connect to each other and work together as a whole.

4. Completeness

Completeness means a paragraph is well-developed. A paragraph is complete when all sentences clearly support the main idea.

Tips for Writing an Effective Paragraph

- Devote some time to think over and grasp the exact meaning, significance and implication of the given topic.
- Arrange your ideas and write down the important points in the order in which you wish to develop them. There should be no omission, no repetition, and no digression.
- Start writing a paragraph with a topic sentence that states the main idea, catches the reader's interest and sets a tone for the rest of the paragraph.
- The sentences should be arranged in a logical order and the paragraph should end with a sentence which sums it up.
- When you have to develop an argument, sentences should be so arranged as to lead to the climax towards the end.
- A paragraph should read as a complete and coherent piece of composition couched in an engaging style.

Importance of Good Health

Health is wealth. Good health is the greatest blessing that a person can have. It is the key to happiness. It is the secret of every happy man. Only a healthy person can enjoy life to the fullest and discharge his duties well. On the other hand, an ailing person is a burden on all. Therefore, we must try our best to maintain sound health. Fresh air, balanced diet, regular exercise, proper rest and stress free life are pre-requisites for good health. We should drink plenty of water, avoid over eating and should refrain from late nights. Most of all, we should have regular health check-ups. We must laugh more as laughing is a therapy and the secret of good health. The care of the body regarding food, exercise, rest and protection against disease are essential for the preservation of sound health. Life is for living. Without health, life is deprived of not only much of its usefulness, but also its joys and pleasures. Let us remember that life is worth living only with a healthy body, mind and soul.

Discipline

Discipline is the law of nature. It is in man's best interest to observe discipline in all walks of life. Discipline is the backbone of character. Without discipline, nothing great can be achieved in life. A man who does not observe discipline in life has to suffer. He becomes lethargic and arrogant. He is disliked by all. A student who does not obey his teachers and does not do his homework does not get success. An employee who does not work sincerely in office may be sacked any time. If sportsmen do not observe discipline they cannot hope to win any match. In the army, discipline is of utmost importance. Discipline leads to harmony whereas indiscipline leads to confusion. No life is worth living without discipline. A disciplined person is an asset to himself, to his family, to his society, to the nation and to mankind. Discipline works everywhere. It controls the physical movements and our conscience. There is no sphere in the Earth where discipline does not play an integral role.

The Importance of Moral Education

Philosophers have explained that the main purpose of education is to have a progressive mind and a sound character. For this reason, moral education is gaining importance in the field of education. Man is a social animal. He learns social habits like helping people, respecting elders and being polite, during the school years. When he learns good social habits, he becomes a responsible citizen. Moral education enables a person to choose the right path. It's not that only teachers in schools can impart moral education to the children, but parents also play a great role by becoming role models for the children. What is moral education? It can be anything which teaches a person moral values and virtues. Values are the set of guidelines that a human being learns to follow. Nobody is born with moral values in him or her. It is inculcated in him or her by his or her education and experience of life. Therefore, it becomes essential to inculcate moral values during school years as these are the most formative years in a child's life. Education moulds the moral values in our characters. By educating children about morals and the young learners about values in life, we can make them fit for the society and the nation as well.

Write a paragraph on each of the following topics.

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| 1. Child Labour | 2. Environment Pollution |
| 3. Corruption | 4. Patriotism |
| 5. My Favourite Animal | 6. My Ambition |
| 7. My School Library | 8. Save Water |
| 9. Where There is a Will, there is a Way | 10. Time and tide wait for None |

