

Paragraph of the Week[®]

Level 1

Over the course of this week, you will be writing a paragraph. You will choose a topic (within the given parameters) and will brainstorm, draft, and write a complete paragraph. Be sure to use all that we have learned in class when writing this paragraph. So let's get started!

Monday

Brainstorm all that you know about something that scares you. This can be something real, like spiders, something fake, like monsters, or something more abstract, like being home alone. What makes you so scared of that thing? How do you feel when you are around the scary object or in the situation? Be sure to include every detail you can think of about what makes you so scared .

Tuesday

Using the brainstorm you created yesterday, choose the 3 most important reasons you are most scared of your chosen topic. They will become the three details about the topic. Write a sentence for each. Then, write an explanation sentence for each.

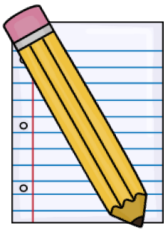
Wednesday

Now that you have your details and explanations written, you must write a topic sentence and closing sentence. Remember, your topic sentence must let the reader know what you are going to talk about in your paragraph, without discussing any of the details. Your closing sentence must restate your topic sentence, using synonyms and different words.

Thursday

It is time to put all of your work together in the form of a paragraph. The topic sentence goes first, followed by the detail/explanation combo sentences. The last sentence is your closing sentence.

Reread it all and make sure it makes sense. It should all be about the same topic, give lots of information, and be written in complete sentences.



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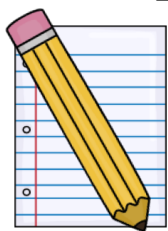
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The thing I am most scared of is...



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Now that you have the topic of your paragraph, you will write the main body sentences. Be sure that they are all on topic, as this is the "meat and potatoes" of your thoughts.

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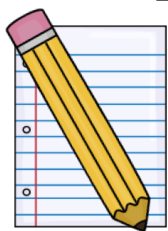
Explanation : _____

Detail Two : _____

Explanation : _____

Detail Three : _____

Explanation : _____



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Topic sentences tell the reader exactly what you will discuss in your paragraph without giving away any of the details. Closing sentences sum up what you have already written.

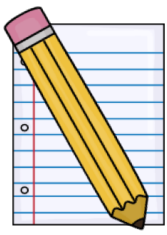
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Topic Sentence: _____

Closing Sentence: _____



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A paragraph talks about one topic, with many sentences all supporting that topic.
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