

PARAGRAPH DEVELOPMENT

A Paragraph is a group of sentences relating to one single idea.



A paragraph can perform the function of an introduction, explanation, exposition, analysis, a comparison, an argument, an illustration or a conclusion



Essentials of paragraph writing

- Presentation of single idea
- A sequence of well connected sentences
- Thematic unity within the paragraph
- Conciseness and exactness



What to avoid: Certain Pitfalls

- Avoid ambiguous expressions
- Avoid high sounding words
- Avoid the mixture of ideas
- Avoid repetition as it leads to boredom
- Unnecessary proverbs, idioms and figure of speeches



Topic Sentence

- Topic sentence states the main idea clearly and concisely
- It can be found at the beginning or at the end of a paragraph
- It can define the theme developed in the rest of a paragraph
- It can conclude the discussion



Use of Topic Sentence

- Topic sentence gives unity to a paragraph.
- It binds all the sentences in a paragraph together
- A topic sentence summing up the paragraph
- It emphasises the main idea



Coherence in paragraph

- Repetition of certain words and use of pronouns
- Use of synonyms of the key words
- Use of words like “ However” “Still” “Moreover” “ Therefore” “But” etc



Unity

- All the parts should contribute to one effect and lead to a unified purpose.
- The sentences must be arranged in a logical sequence of ideas

