

Eleven Sentence Paragraph

To help student writers organize paragraphs and provide enough information for readers to understand the writer's point-of-view, use the following format.

Sentences:

1. Topic sentence
2. First point
3. Support for first point
4. Support for first point
5. Second point
6. Support for second point
7. Support for second point
8. Third point
9. Support for third point
10. Support for third point
11. Concluding sentence

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Eleven Sentence Paragraph Sentence Types

Topic Sentence: this sentence expresses a point-of-view. It cannot be a statement of fact—it must be an opinion.

Incorrect: San Francisco is a city in California.

Correct: San Francisco is California's most beautiful city.

Topic sentences are best when they include the points the author will support in the paragraph. Adding the points the author will support helps the reader understand the reader's point-of-view and keeps the author organized.

Good: San Francisco is a beautiful city.

Better: San Francisco's weather, shopping, and unusual architecture make it a beautiful city.

Point Sentences: These are the sentences that the author will support in the paragraph. Each of these is one of the points in the topic sentence.

Point one: San Francisco's foggy and misty weather bathes the city in a soft blurry light.

Point two: The variety and diversity of San Francisco's shopping adds to its beauty and charm.

Point three: Unusual architecture abounds in the many interesting buildings and parks in the city.

Notice that each of these sentences are opinions also. They need to be supported. In these examples, there are two opinions in each sentence that need support. It is not necessary to state these two opinions, but authors often do to help the reader and to keep the organization.

Support Sentences: These sentences give examples of the point sentences.

Concluding Sentence: This sentence "wraps up" the paragraph.