

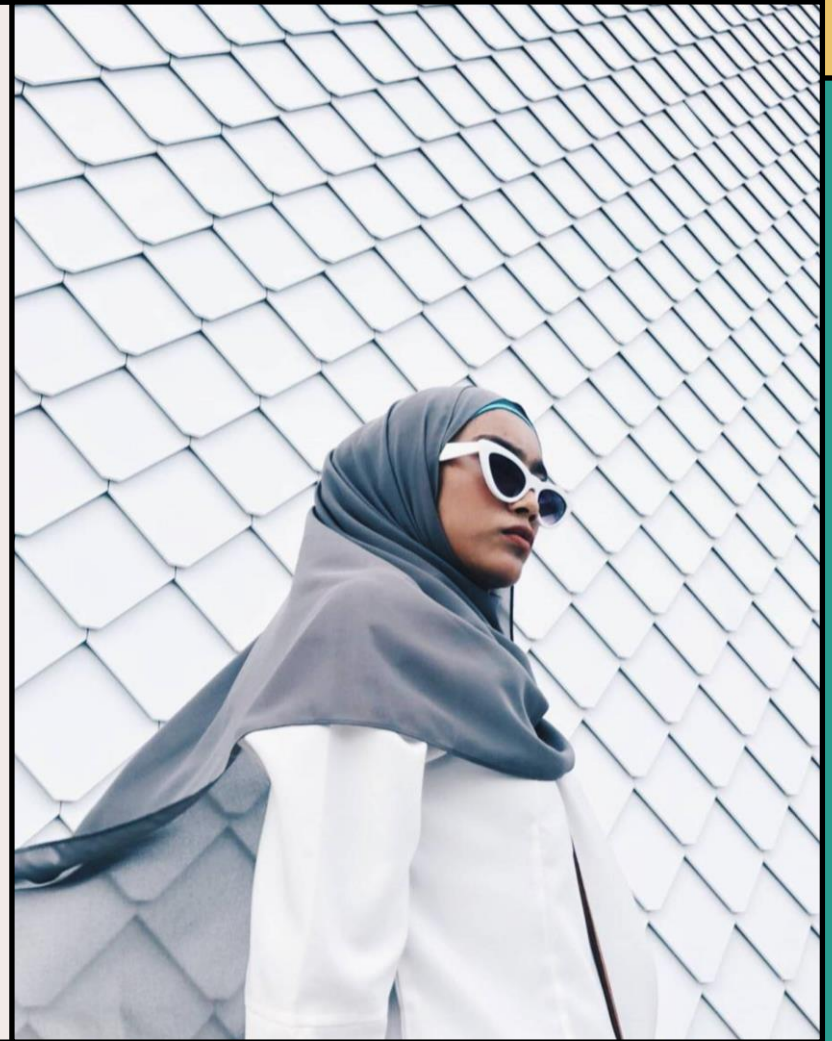
Academic Writing

Writing in Paragraphs

1. Beginning to Work

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**A day of bad writing is always
better than a day of no
writing**

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Don Roff

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Introduction

Writing is an important form of communication in day-to-day life, but it is especially important in secondary school and university.

Writing in paragraphs is designed to help low-intermediate students analyse model paragraphs, find ideas for their writing, put their ideas into sentences, organise their sentences into paragraphs, review their paragraphs, and revise their paragraphs so that they become even stronger.



Primary Goals

- ❖ Recognize and write complete sentences
- ❖ Learn how to begin and end a sentence
- ❖ Learn the common features of a paragraph
- ❖ Identify the topic of a paragraph
- ❖ Identify strong and weak paragraphs



Secondary Goals

- ❖ Formatting for assignments
- ❖ How to write headings
- ❖ What is process writing?



Layout/ Formatting

- **Paragraph** . A section of a piece of writing that starts on a new line and contains several sentences
- **Margin** . The space at the side of the page where nothing is written.
- **Double line spacing** . A style of spacing where there are two blank lines between each line of text.

- **Indent (v)** . To start a paragraph further in from the edge of the page than the rest of the text.
- **Title** . The name of a piece of writing.
- **font** . A set of letters in one size and style used for printing and computer documents.

What is a Sentence?

Sentence

- A complete sentence in English needs two words: (noun or pronoun) and (verb)
- Most English sentences are longer than two words.
- A sentence should tell us a complete thought.

Types of a Sentence

- Simple sentence
- Compound sentence
- Compound-complex sentence

What is a paragraph?

Paragraph

- A paragraph is a group of sentences that talk about one topic. 6-12
- A paragraph can give information, tell an opinion and even tell a short story.
- The sentences are arranged logically.

A paragraph in an Academic Writing

- Has a topic sentence. First or Last
- Has Supporting sentences.
- Has specific details and explanations

Capital Letters and Punctuation

Capital letters

- The first word of every sentence
- Day of the week and months of the year
- The first letter of people's names and places.
- The main words of a title.

Punctuation

- Period or full stop (.)
- Comma (,)
- Quotation marks (" ")



Summary

- ❖ A complete sentence in English needs two words: (noun or pronoun) and (verb).
- ❖ A paragraph is a group of sentences that talk about one topic. It contains 6-12 sentences.
- ❖ A paragraph in an Academic Writing has a topic sentence.
First or Last and has Supporting sentences.

Thank you

