

# TOPIC SENTENCE AND PARAGRAPH DEVELOPMENT

The topic sentence, which tells what the entire paragraph will be about, has a controlling idea that asserts something about the topic, conveying your purpose, opinion, or attitude. For a paragraph to be unified, all the sentences in the paragraph must directly relate to that controlling idea. In addition, for a paragraph to be well developed, it should have details which help your audience understand your ideas.

## I. Topic Sentence

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### A. Major Support (Point 1)

#### 1. Minor Support

- a. Explanation, detail, example
- b. Explanation, detail, example

#### 2. Minor Support

- a. Explanation, detail, example
- c. Explanation, detail, example

### B. Major Support (Point 2)

#### 1. Minor Support

- a. Explanation, detail, example
- b. Explanation, detail, example

#### 2. Minor Support

- a. Explanation, detail, example
- b. Explanation, detail, example

### C. Major Support (Point 3)

#### 1. Minor Support

- a. Explanation, detail, example
- b. Explanation, detail, example

#### 2. Minor Support

- a. Explanation, detail, example
- b. Explanation, detail, example