

How to Write a 5 Sentence Paragraph

It's soooooooooooooooooo easy?

1. Start with the prompt.
 - a. Use some of the words from the prompt in your first sentence.
 - b. This is called the TOPIC SENTENCE.
 - c. Indent this sentence. (This is very important)

You only need 3 ideas!

2. Write 3 reasons (sentences) why your topic sentence is true.

Now the clincher sentence

3. Now rewrite your topic sentence in such a way that you can pull a few key words out for ...

The title

4. That's right. The title is created last. The last sentence in the paragraph should clinch up the paragraph in such a way that the title just pops right out at you. If it doesn't, rewrite the last sentence or add another sentence. Now write that title at the top of your 5 sentence paragraph.

*If you wanted to write a longer paragraph, add more reasons. But remember. Every reason has to support the topic sentence. Stick to the subject.

*No paragraph should be less than 5 sentences long.

5 Sentence Paragraph Example with Prompt

Prompt: Tell about your favorite pet.

1. My favorite pet is my cat named Miss Moppet. (Notice how I used some of the words from the prompt in my first sentence called the TOPIC SENTENCE)

2. Now I need to support my topic sentence with **3 reasons**. (Try to start each sentence with a different sentence starter.)

She likes to be dressed up in doll clothes and to be strolled in the doll carriage. When I go to bed, she sleeps with me. On long hikes she tags along beside me.

3. Now I need a good clincher sentence that I can pull a few words out for a title. It needs to also have in it similar words from the prompt. Don't just restate the topic sentence.

She is my very special friend.

Now the title. What words could I use? I could call it
My Very Special Friend

I'm done! This is what it looks like. Don't forget to indent the first sentence (Topic Sentence).

My Very Special Friend

My favorite pet is my cat named Miss Moppet. She likes to be dressed up in doll clothes and strolled in the doll carriage. When I go to bed, she sleeps with me. On long hikes she tags along beside me. She is my very special friend.