**Effective Paragraph Construction**

The 5 key elements for paragraph construction are 1.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

2.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

5. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

The topic of an essay must be 6. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_; if it’s general, it will be too 7. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for a single paragraph.

If the topic is too 8. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, the writer will not have enough information to write a solid paragraph with at least 5-7 supporting sentences.

Information should not be 9. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ within a paragraph. If there is not enough to say about a topic to construct a paragraph, 10. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the topic.

11. What is an example of a topic which is too broad for a single paragraph?

12. What is an example of a topic which is sufficiently focused for a single paragraph?

The [sentence](http://grammar.about.com/od/rs/g/senterm.htm) that states the main idea or focus of the paragraph is the 13. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

The topic sentence should be placed at the 14. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the paragraph. It should be 15.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 16. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 17.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and 18.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

19. Could these sentences (A-C) serve as effective topic sentences:

A. The most spectacular range of fall foliage occurs in the northeastern United States and in eastern China, where the leaves are robustly colored, thanks in part to a rich climate. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

B. The Bull Market was dead.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

C. Dying in a fire is often less a process of burning than of asphyxiation. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

The 5-7 supporting sentences in an effective paragraph are sentences with 20. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to support or 21.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the topic sentence.

22. When can a body paragraph have fewer than 5-7 supporting sentences?

23. What is the criteria for a body paragraph with more than 5-7 supporting sentences?

Supporting sentences are not effective if they do not 24.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the topic sentence. The writer must avoid 25. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and arrange sentences so ideas logically 26.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ together.

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There is a plethora of Broadway shows from which to choose on any given day. While attendance at some of the more popular ones, such as *Wicked* and *The Lion King*, requires advance planning, tickets may be acquired minutes before curtain call for others. If live theatre is not appealing, New York City’s Times Square offers a wide array of options. The multi-leveled Hershey’s M&M store is brimming with novelties, including eccentrically flavored candies, photo opportunities with life-sized M&M characters, and funky clothing. For free entertainment, walk up and down the Square and people watch as the neon billboards blaze all around. Hungry? There is usually a long line, but the decadent treats at the world-renowned Cake Boss shop are sure to please any sweet tooth. Of course, there are always the infamous landmarks of the city: the Statue of Liberty, Rockefeller Center, the 911 Memorial, and Grand Central Station. Jump on the subway with a minimal fare, and arrive at the location of choice in mere minutes. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Sentence 1 in the paragraph above is a 27. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Sentences 2-10 in the paragraph above are 28. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Sentence 11 in the paragraph above is a 29. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

The final sentence of an effective paragraph is the 30. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

The closing/transition sentence is the 31. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ sentence in the paragraph. It must restate, but not repeat, the 32. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,

The goal of the closing sentence is to leave the reader 33. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

If the paragraph the writer is closing is followed by another paragraph, such as in an essay, the writer must also 34.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to the next topic in addition to closing the current paragraph.

A possible transition sentence for the above paragraph is 35.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_This sentence, rather than the final one written in above, would be the last sentence in the paragraph.

In order to incorporate proper mechanics, the first line of a paragraph must be 36. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. The first word in each sentence and proper nouns must be 37. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Every sentence must be 38. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and followed by 39. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Also, check 40. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and 41. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ punctuation such as commas and apostrophes.

42. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ English grammar is expected in formal writing.