

Worksheet for Writing a Simple Paragraph

Step 1: Choose a general topic (i.e. food).

Step 2: Narrow down your general topic to a specific topic (i.e. cookies).

Step 3: Write up to three questions (how, when, where, why, who, what) about your specific topic. (Examples: How do you make cookies? What is my favorite kind of cookie? Who makes the best cookies?)

Question 1: _____

Question 2: _____

Question 3: _____

Step 4: Choose one question (from step 3) on which to focus your paragraph. (Example: What is my favorite kind of cookie?)

Step 5: Reword your question (from step 4) into a statement. This will be the topic sentence for your paragraph. (Example: Chocolate chip cookies are my favorite cookies.)

Step 6: As a good paragraph will have at least three supporting sentences, write down three sentences that help support your topic sentence. (In this example, these supporting sentences should tell what makes them your favorite cookies. Examples: I love how gooey they are when I eat them warm from the oven. I especially like that they have lots of chocolate chips in them. They are really tasty when I drink a glass of cold milk at the same time I'm eating the cookies.)

Step 7: Summarize your topic sentence and three supporting sentences with a conclusion sentence. (Example: I would rather eat chocolate chip cookies than any other kind of cookies in the world!)

Step 8: Write out your paragraph on a piece of white-lined paper. Indent the first sentence of your paragraph (from step 5). Write the three supporting sentences (from step 6). End your paragraph with your conclusion sentence (from step 7).

Step 9: Proof and edit your paragraph for spelling and grammar errors. Rewrite the paragraph if necessary to fix any errors.