

Build a Clear Paragraph

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Original BrightPencil Kids resource - adult-led where appropriate

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Grown-up guide

Learning objective

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Use this pack well

- Model the first example aloud, then let the learner try.
- Ask “How do you know?” more often than “Are you finished?”.
- Use real objects, talk, movement or observation when the activity suggests it.
- Stop or shorten the session if attention or enjoyment drops.
- Open-ended pages can have many successful answers.

Quality note

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Learn the idea

1 A paragraph develops one main idea.

2 Details should support the topic rather than wander.

3 Writers revise for order, precision and sentence flow.

Talk about it

Explain one idea in your own words. Give an example from real life, a drawing or an object if that helps.

Choose the strongest topic sentence for three details.

Remove one off-topic sentence.

Reorder four sentences for better flow.

Add a precise example to strengthen a paragraph.

Revise a repetitive closing sentence.

Try it beyond the page

Real-world / hands-on connection

Say your paragraph aloud before writing and check whether every sentence belongs to the same idea.

Before you finish

What did you notice?

What evidence, object or example helped you?

What would you change if you tried again?

Create something

Your project

Write and illustrate a six-sentence paragraph explaining a place, animal, process or hobby.

Use this space for planning, drawing, mapping, designing or notes.

CHALLENGE

Think deeper

1. What makes a sentence off-topic?

2. Does every paragraph need exactly the same number of sentences?

3. Why revise order?

Quick review

1. In one sentence, explain the big idea of “Build a Clear Paragraph”.

2. Draw or write one example that shows you understand.

3. Choose one activity from this pack and explain the strategy you used.

4. Write one question you still have.

Answer & discussion notes

Use these as guidance, not scripts. Open questions can have different successful responses when the reasoning is sensible and evidence-based.

1. Suggested response

It does not support the paragraph's main idea.

2. Suggested response

No.

3. Suggested response

Logical order helps readers follow the idea.

Review before publication

Check age fit, factual accuracy, clarity, accessibility, rights provenance and whether the activity works in practice. This file remains a review copy until those checks are signed off.

FINISH

My learning reflection

I finished this BrightPencil learning pack.

One thing I understand better now:

A strategy that helped me:

Something I created or noticed:

My next small question or goal:

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