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First: Sort out the ideas

- What **key words** represent the general idea?
- What is the **core question?** What point do I want to make?
- What does the reader **need to know?** / What details?
- **What method of develop** (e.g.comparing, exemplifying, challenging)?
- **What order** (e.g. chronological, general to specific, most to least important)?
- Using your **core question**, ask yourself: What seems to be the central topic? And what idea controls my topic? Then: **Write a topic sentence**

Next: Outline the ideas for your paragraph

Finally: Using the outline, write your paragraph

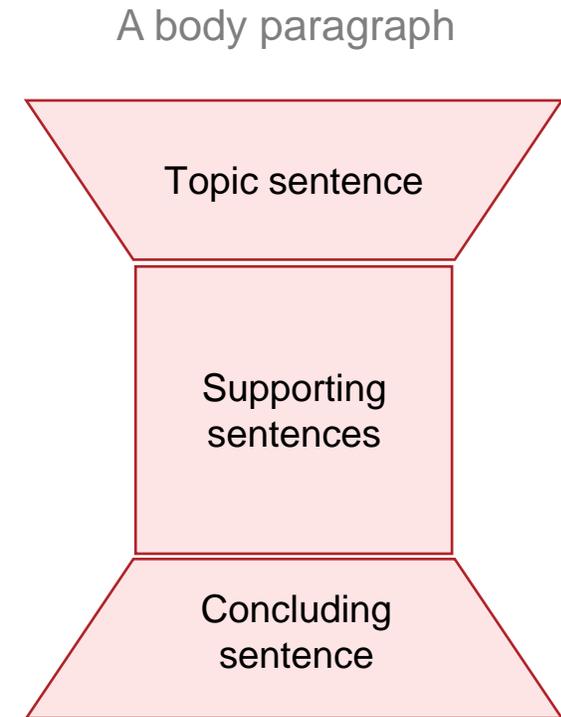
4.3 Peer work

Preparation

Make a copy of your paragraph 4.3

Open *MyCourses 4 > 4.3 Peer review activity*

- Exchange papers via **Discussion Forum**
- Review **one** peer's paragraph
- Do the activity on the **next slide**
- Then, take turns “**screen sharing**” your paragraphs as you share your observations
- After that, return your commented version to the **Discussion Forum**
- Authors revise their work, as needed

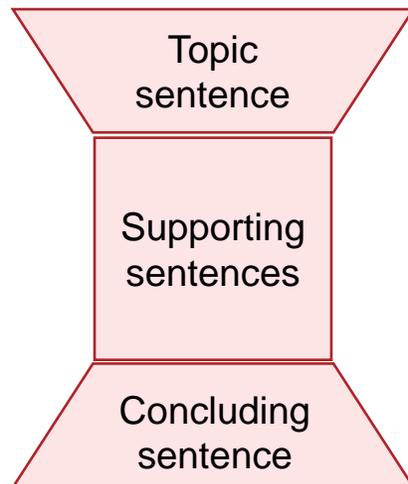


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Instructions

Comment your partner's paragraph. Be prepared to discuss your observations and to provide suggestions.

A body paragraph



- 1) **Underline topic sentence and identify its type**
 - a) What type: general, clueing, specific?
 - b) **Bolden** the topic and *italicize* the controlling idea(s)
- 2) **Write in a comment the method of development**
e.g. problem-solution, exemplifying, comparison, cause-effect, reason-result, division and classification, process, etc
- 3) **Write in a comment the order (paragraph organization)**
e.g. General to specific, most to least important, chronological thematic, spatial, sequential, etc
- 4) **Are the supporting points relevant and sufficient?**
Which supporting points illustrate the controlling idea in the topic sentence? *Highlight* anything that doesn't seem to fit or seems unnecessary. Write *comments* about information desired, e.g. Are the supporting details sufficient? Would you like to know more or less?
- 5) **Write down the core question the paragraph answers**
- 6) **Underline the concluding sentence**
- 7) **Afterwards – discuss your observations & upload to MyC**