

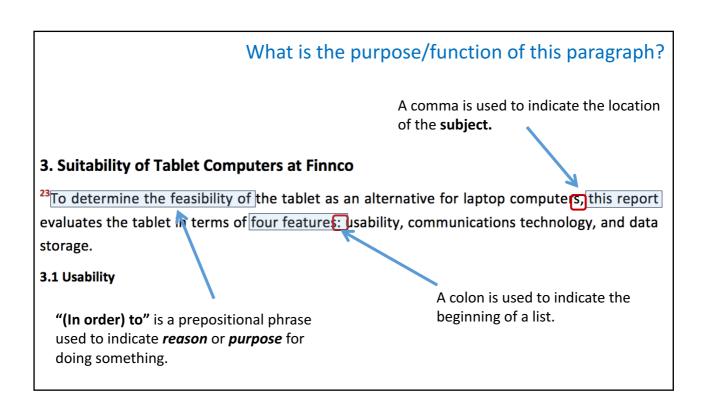
## What is the purpose/function of this paragraph?

### 3. Suitability of Tablet Computers at Finnco

<sup>23</sup>To determine the feasibility of the tablet as an alternative for laptop computers, this report evaluates the tablet in terms of four features: usability, communications technology, and data storage.

#### 3.1 Usability

- The paragraph functions as a section preview that summarizes the purpose of the following text.
- This is known as *metatext*.
- This technique allows the reader to quickly understand the big picture.



# Comparing and contrasting information pt1

#### 3.1 Usability

<sup>24</sup>Usability is the extent to which a tablet computer can be used in order to effectively achieve 24 Sentence definition specific goals.<sup>25</sup>Although the concept of usability can cover numerous use cases, the following features are essential for Finnco's staff: (1) weight and dimensions and (2) user interface.

<sup>26</sup>In terms of *weight and dimensions*, a tablet computer is particularly well suited to the needs of Finnco's technical sales representatives. <sup>27</sup>Having lighter weight and smaller size than that of a laptop computer, a tablet can be more easily operated in areas where the space is limited, such as in a crowded commuter train or airplane. <sup>28</sup>Since tablets computer lack a physical keyboard and mouse, their overall weight and dimensions are also lower than those of laptops.

25 Scope of requirements and comparison

14 Comparison of features

	Subordinators (Sub + sen <sup>1</sup> , sen <sup>2</sup> .)	Sentence Adverbials (Sen <sup>1</sup> . Adv, Sen <sup>2</sup> .)	Prepositions (Prep + NP)
Addition	not only but also both and	In addition, []. Moreover, []. Furthermore,	in addition to as well as
Adversative	although	[+]. However, []. []. Nevertheless, [+]	despite in spite of
Contrast	while (USA) whilst (UK) whereas	In contrast, However, On the other hand, Conversely,	in contrast to unlike contrary to instead of
Cause-Effect	because since (USA) as (UK) in that	Therefore, As a result, Consequently, Hence, *Thus / *thereby	because of due to as a result of in light of on account off
Clarification		In other words, / that is,	(i.e.,)
Similarity		Similarly, Analogously,	Similar to like
Illustration		For example, For instance	(e.g.,)
Intensification		On the contrary, Indeed, / In fact,	

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See also Causative connectors: http://sana.aalto.fi/awe/cohesion/signposts/cause/index.html		

Comparing and contrasting informati	on pt2
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