

Lessons 1 – 5
Paragraph Writing Checklist

At least 6 sentences per paragraph & 100 – 230 words per paragraph

(Write the number of words for each paragraph beside each paragraph.)

1. Indent/Paragraph Form
2. Type & Double space
3. Begin each sentence with a capital letter.
4. Put punctuation at the end of each sentence.
5. Subject and verb in every sentence.
6. Begin sentences with different words.
7. Title: must be taken from the last sentence.

Add to list:

8. Quality Adjectives: Which one? What kind? How many?

(Circle 3 per paragraph)

Adjectives

Which one? – What kind? – How many?

Big	Happy	Tired
Old	Good	Green

Adjectives

1. The **big** dog ran up the **big** hill with his **big** tail wagging happily.

The _____ dog ran up the _____ hill with his
_____ tail wagging happily.

2. The **happy** clown smiled when he sang a **happy** song to the **happy** children.

The _____ clown smiled when he sang a
_____ song to the _____ children.

3. The **tired** woman put her **tired** feet on the **tired** looking stool.

The _____ woman put her _____ feet on the
_____ looking stool.

4. The **old** pen rolled off the **old** table onto the **old** floor.

The _____ pen rolled off the _____ table
onto the _____ floor.

5. The **good** cat sprang onto the **good** fence when running from the **good** dog.

The _____ cat sprang onto the _____ fence
when running from the _____ dog.

6. They found a **green** dollar stuck in a **green** bush with **green** thorns.

They found a _____ dollar stuck in a
_____ bush of _____ thorns.

Order Words

After	Finally	Moreover	Shortly
After that	First	Next	Similarly
Again	Following	Next to	Soon
At first	Further	North	South
At the same time	Furthermore	On top of	Slowly
Before	Hurriedly	Presently	Then
Besides	In addition	Promptly	Third
East	In a minute	Quickly	Until
Equally important	In the first place	Right	West
Farthest from	Left	Second	When

Paragraph Organization

1. State your topic question about topic.

2. State your point of view. Your point of view is your opinion about your topic.

3. State your audience. (Who are you explaining to in your paragraph?) _____

4. Brainstorming:

Topic:

Opinion:

1. supplies –

2.

3.

4.

5.

6.

7. Final opinion:

Block Outline

I. Introductory Sentence: State topic & point of view (opinion)

A. Main Support 1st step

B. Main Support 2nd step

C. Main Support 3rd step

D. Main Support 4th step

II. Concluding Sentence: Restate topic, viewpoint (opinion), and end your paragraph.

Block Outline

I.

A.

B.

C.

D.

II.

Example Outline and Example Paragraph

- I. P B & J's most delicious sandwiches, made by someone special
 - A. First, supplies – Knife, bread, peanut butter, jelly, plate, napkin
 - B. Next, peanut butter on bread, then jelly on bread.
 - C. After that, put bread together with jelly & peanut butter facing, cutting in half or make rocket shaped, moon shaped or star.
 - D. Finally, clean-up mess. Do not want to leave mess for mother.
- II. Eat, enjoy best ever P B & J.

Best Ever Sandwich

P B & J's are the most **delicious** *sandwiches*, especially when made by someone who knows what they are doing. First, get out the supplies. A knife, two pieces of **whole wheat** *bread*, **creamy** *peanut butter*, **strawberry** *jelly*, a **paper** *plate*, and a napkin are the **main** *items* necessary. Next, spread the **smooth** *peanut butter* on one side of a piece of bread and then, on one side of the other piece of bread, spread the **delicious** *jelly*. Cleaning fingers with the tongue is usually needed at this point. After that, carefully smash the bread together with the jelly and peanut butter facing each other. Promptly, cut the sandwich in half or make it **rocket** *shaped*, **moon** *shaped* or even a star. Remember to clean-up the mess instead of leaving it for Mom. The sandwich will taste superb, so eat and enjoy the best ever P B and J.

Beach

Unique Houses

Burning Sand

Scattered Seaweed

Peaceful Waves

Baking Sleepers

Steaming Sunburn

Picturesque Umbrellas

Colorful Towels

Distant Boats

Gliding Seagulls

Isolated Cloud

