

A Paragraph Style

Sometimes, students write a paragraph with the same sentence style. The sentences might have good grammar but they are, well, a little boring. Here is one way to use different sentence styles to make a paragraph more interesting.

By the end of this lesson, you will learn:

1. how to start a paragraph with a topic sentence
2. three ways to write supporting sentences
3. how to finish

Part 1. Read

Here is an example of the paragraph style I want you to copy and learn.

Three things that would make me happy are a Ferrari, a peaceful country, and a trip to England. Racing down the highway in my red Ferrari, I would be the envy of everyone I met. To live in a peaceful would make our lives happier. During a trip to England, I would see the Queen. Hopefully, my wishes will come true before I'm 60.

Part 2 Analyze

1. The first sentence is the topic sentence. It tells the reader the subject of the paragraph.
2. The second sentence begins with and VERB plus ING.
3. The third sentence begins with "To" plus and action word (infinitive).
4. The fourth sentence begins with a prepositional phrase (during)
5. The last sentence is a starts with a word like finally, certainly or surely.

Part 3 Your Turn

Think of three wishes.

Write a five sentence paragraph using the same style described above.

Edit and rewrite.

Part 4 Expand

Write a new paragraph to describe something. Use the same sentence patterns described above. This time add one extra sentence to provide more details.