What are paragraphs and why do we use them?

## A paragraph is a section of writing consisting of one or more sentences grouped together and discussing one main subject.

New paragraphs are either signalled by an indent (where the text starts some way into the line) or by leaving a line blank.

Paragraphs provide structure and flow to your text. They allow you to move from one thought to another. When you start a new paragraph you are telling your reader that the topic is over and you are moving on. Without this structure, your brilliant ideas and arguments will be difficult to follow. **How use**

In primary school texts will often have a five-paragraph structure:

* Paragraph 1 is an introduction
* Paragraphs 2, 3 and 4 focus on three specific (and different) points
* Paragraph 5 is a conclusion