

Basic Paragraph Structure

Topic Sentence

- Tells the main idea of the paragraph. (What the paragraph will be about.)
- **Cats are the best type of pet.** Cats are independent. They love to catch mice. Cats will get excited when you get home. I love having a cat as a pet.

Supporting Details

- The sentences in your paragraph that support your topic sentence.
- Cats are the best type of pet. Cats are independent. They love to catch mice. Cats will get excited when you get home. I love having a cat as a pet.

Concluding Sentence

- The last sentence of the paragraph. Restates the main idea.
- Cats are the best type of pet. Cats are independent. They love to catch mice. Cats will get excited when you get home. I love having a cat as a pet.

You Try!

- Choose a topic and write a paragraph using the format we just learned. Remember, your topic must be school appropriate:
- **Topic sentence.** Supporting detail sentence. Supporting detail sentence. Supporting detail sentence. **Concluding sentence.**
- Underline your topic sentence. (Put parentheses around your supporting detail sentences.)
Underline your concluding sentence **twice.**