

SUPPORTING SENTENCES

What are Supporting Sentences?

Supporting sentences SUPPORT the main idea of the paragraph. These sentences follow a topic sentence in a paragraph.

Supporting sentences contain details that help describe or explain the main idea of the paragraph.

Supporting sentences should fit the context and flow of a paragraph.

Example:

If a paragraph was written about the closing of the Family Tree Store in town, a good supporting sentence of this topic would be:

The Family Tree Store that has been opened since 1901 is closing tomorrow.

Try This

Which sentence is a supporting sentence?
My sister is always taking care of me when I am sick.

- a] My sister always takes care of me when I am sick.
- b] I always take care of my sister when she is sick.
- c] I have two brothers.
- d] My sister takes care of me when I am sick.



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What is a Concluding Sentence?

A concluding sentence comes at the END of a paragraph.

A concluding sentence wraps up what was talked about in the paragraph. It is a summary and restates the main idea of the paragraph.

Example:

If an article was written about how much someone loves her dad, a good concluding sentence could be:

I wouldn't trade my dad for any other dad in the universe.

Try This!

Which sentence would be best to CONCLUDE a paragraph written about the First Day of Summer Parade?

- a] I like summer better than winter.
- b] Now that the parade has ended, the summer can begin.
- c] It is extremely hot in the summer.
- d] I like going to the beach during the summer.



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