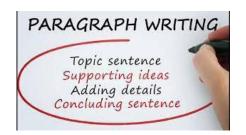
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Objectifs

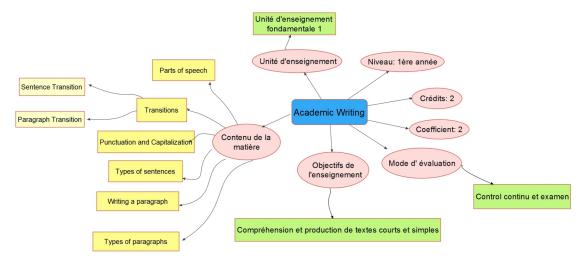


At the end of this lesson, students will be able to:

- -Recognize the different types of paragraphs.
- -Identify the different types of paragraphs.
- Differentiate between narrative, descriptive, explanatory and expository types of paragraphs.
- -Write the different types of texts referring to typologies of discourse genres.

Introduction





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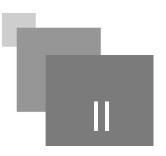
Prerequisite



The paragraph can be used to describe or explain an endless variety of things. Thus, it's important to know how to use each paragraph type for the right purpose.

Although each paragraph is organized in a similar way (topic, supporting, and concluding sentences), there are different types of paragraphs. Each paragraph type has different features and styles of prompts.

Exercice: Pretest



[solution n°1 p.23]

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What are the basic types of paragraphs?

- $\ \square$ expository, declarative, interrogative, statement
- $\ \square$ process, cause and effect, expository, persuasive
- ☐ descriptive, expository, narrative, persuasive

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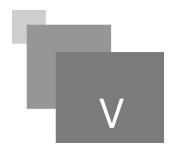
☐ descriptive text,

☐ expository text,

☐ narrative text,

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Types of paragraphs



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There are four paragraph types — narrative, descriptive, expository, and persuasive. Narrative paragraphs tell about a scene or event, descriptive paragraphs give vivid descriptions of one subject, expository paragraphs provide information, and persuasive paragraphs try to convince the reader. These four paragraph types are powerful tools for writers.



Types of paragraphs

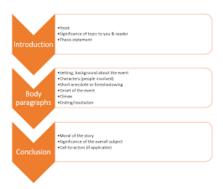
1. Narrative paragraph

Définition

Narration is a story telling/ writing. It has a beginning, a middle, and an end. Narrative paragraphs often describe events from the writer's life. The chronological order of the events in narrative writing is should be respected. The author should use time order signals to organize the sentences; for example, first, second, later, finally.

When writing a paragraph, the author can use the first-person narrative style and include words that clearly refer to him/her (I, me, my, mine, etc).

However, the author can write it objectively but give a straight-forward factual account of what happened.



The ouline of a narrative paragraph



Narrative paragraph model:

I will never forget the first time I got lost in the shopping centre. I was traveling with my parents during summer vacation. We were in the store, and I was so excited to see such a huge place. Suddenly, I turned around to ask my mother about something, but she is gone! I begun crying and screaming. A salesman came up to me and asked if I was fine. The salesman got on the public address system and notified the customers that a little boy with blue jeans and a red t-shirt was lost. Two minutes later, my mother and father came running towards me. We all cried and hugged each other. I will never forget that day as long as I live.

2. Exercice

[solution n°2 p.23]

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Α	narrative	paragraph	is	tellir	ng a	story	•

□ True

□ False

2.2. Exercice

The following type of text is usually classified as a narrative: The Diary

□ yes

□ no

2.3. Exercice

Which of the following sentences is considered narrative?

- ☐ During the mornings I walk my dogs around the neighbourhood.
- Extracurricular activities are a great way to hone on students talents.
- ☐ The human body has a higher percentage of water.
- ☐ The best season is fall because of its the gorgeous changes

3. Descriptive paragraph:

✓ Définition

It is a focused and detail-rich account of a specific topic. A well written descriptive paragraph pulls in all five senses to engage the reader. The use of smell, sight, touch, sound, and taste in expressive language captivates the reader on many levels. Again, likewise the narrative paragraph, the author may write the descriptive paragraph subjectively or objectively, depending on the author's style choice.



The ouline of a descriptive paragraph



Descriptive paragraph model:

My family at Merrymead Diner every Friday while I was a child. We huddled close in a large, red booth as we scanned through the familiar menu. The aroma of gravy over creamy mashed potatoes lingered close to my mother's arm as she ordered our drinks. The waitress brought our thick milkshakes out on a tray and placed them in front of us. The jukebox in the back played songs that we all knew the words to, and we sang along until our food arrived, hot and enticing on the table. Outside I shivered in the cold air, but in the dinner, I was lazy, munching on crispy French fries and enjoying a hot and juicy cheeseburger

4. Exercice

[solution n°3 p.24]

4.1. Exercice

Wh	Which of the following sentences can be considered a descriptive sentence?				
	The beautiful girl ran up the steep hill to visit the red cottage.				
	The United States of America is composed of 50 states.				
	All of the chilfren from this school are super intrigued with the secret play.				
	Having a tutor is better than studying by yourself.				
	4.2. Exercice Which category of words are necessary while writing a descriptive paragraph?				
	Adverbs				
	Adjectives				
	Articles				

5. Expository paragraph



contractions

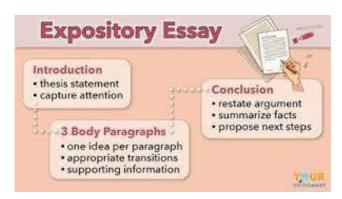
The main aim of an expository paragraph is to provide an effective explanation of a topic. While a descriptive paragraph strives to describe a subject and a narrative paragraph seeks to show personal growth, an expository paragraph tries to explain a topic or situation. Thus, expository paragraphs are written as if the writer is explaining or clarifying a topic to the reader. Since an expository paragraph is

trying to clarify a topic, it is important that its sentences provide the categories or reasons that support the clarification of the topic. Moreover, these categories and reasons also provide the framework for the organization of the paragraph.

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In an expository paragraph, you give information. You explain a subject, give directions, or show how something happens. In expository writing, linking words like first, second, then, and finally are usually used to help readers follow the ideas. This paragraph, like any other, organizes itself around three parts. A topic sentence allows the reader to understand what you are writing about. The middle part of the paragraph contains supporting sentences that follow one another in a logical sequence of steps. The concluding sentence closes your subject with an emphasis on the final product or process desired by the topic.



The outline of an expository paragraph



Exemple

Expository paragraph model:

Going to college can be expensive. First, college tuition and room and board can cost anywhere from \$2,000 to more than \$10,000 per semester. Other expenses make going to college even more expensive. For example, books typically cost between \$100 and \$500 each term. Second, materials are also very expensive. Paper, notebooks, writing utensils, and other supplies required often cost more at the college bookstore than at any local discount department store. For instance, a package of notepaper costing \$2 at a discount store might cost \$5 at a college bookstore. Finally, there are all kinds of special fees added onto the bill at registration time. A college student might have to pay a \$50 insurance fee, a \$20 activity fee, a \$15 fee to the student government association and anywhere from \$500 to \$100 for parking. There is another fee if a student decides to add or drop classes after registration. The fees required to attend college never seem to end.

6. Exercice

[solution n°4 p.24]

6.1. Exercice

Expository sentences have many opinions

□ False

☐ True

7. Persuasive paragraph



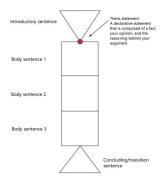
Définition

The main aim of a persuasive paragraph is to make an effective argument. Thus, persuasive paragraphs are written as if the writer is attempting to convince their audience to adopt a new belief or behaviour. While expository paragraphs strive to explain or clarify a topic, persuasive paragraphs take a stand on an issue. However, simply having an argument or viewpoint about a topic is not enough. In persuasive paragraphs, writers must also support their claims. Typically, persuasive paragraphs support their arguments through the use of appropriate evidence, such as quotations, examples, expert opinions, or other facts. Nevertheless, simply having a viewpoint and supporting evidence is still not enough to write a strong persuasive paragraph. In addition to these two things, a writer must also have strong organization.



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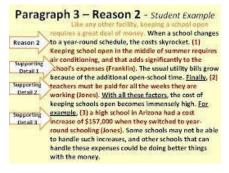
Organization is the key to any well-developed paragraph. When composing your paragraph, think of its organization as a set of blocks balanced between two triangles (see Figure 3.2). Each block represents the main arguments of your paragraph, while the two triangles stand for your introductory and concluding sentences, respectively. Just as the top triangle comes to a point before leading into the blocks, your introductory sentence should make your thesis before your paragraph jumps to the supporting sentences. These supporting sentences, as the blocks suggest, should be full of information and logically solid. Just as the stability and balance of the shapes rests on the solidity of the blocks, the stability of the argument of the paragraph rests on the success of the body sentences. Much like the introductory sentence that precedes it, your concluding sentence should restate your thesis statement and the main argument of your paragraph, allowing your paragraph to end on a firm base.



The outline of a persuasive paragraph



Persusive paragraph model



Model

8. Exercice

[solution n°5 p.25]

8.1. Exercice

Which of the following sentences can be considered a persuasive text. ..

- O The constant use of technology can be considered negatively.
- O Students that are exposed to technology have a brighter future.
- O Technology is a great tool that must be used with caution.
- O Technology should be used as a tool and not a way of living.

8.2. Exercice

Persuasive paragraphs tries to

- O Expose
- O Convince
- O Describe
- O Tells story

Evaluation



Exe	ercice	
		[solution n°6 p.25]
The	e following diary entry is considered a :	
"De	ear diary,	
Too	day was nervous for my Spanish class presentation. Thankfully everything went we	ell"
0	narrative	
0	expository	
0	persuasive	
0	descriptive	
Exe	ercice	
		[solution n°7 p.25]
The	e following sentence can be found in aparagraph.	
"Th	ne tranquil water rippled around the lazy alligator"	
0	expository	
0	narrative	
0	descriptive	

[solution n°8 p.26]

	Which type of paragraph would this topic sentence best go with : My best friend's freckled face always has a glowing, crooked smile.			
0	persuasive			
0	narrative			
0	expository			
0	descriptive			
Exe	ercice			
	[solution n°9 p.26]			
	ich type of paragraph would this topic sentence best go with :The day I won first place in the box derby race was the proudest day of my life.			
0	persuasive			
0	narrative			
0	expository			
0	descriptive			
Exe	ercice			
	[solution n°10 p.26]			
Thi	s paragraph is used to tell a story. There is a logical sequence of events.			
	narrative			
	persuasive			
	expository			
	descriptive			

O descriptive

O narrative

. .

Exe	ercice	
		[solution n°11 p.26]
Wł	nich type of paragraph would this topic sentence best go with:	
De	spite what dog lovers might believe, cats actually make better pets	
0	persuasive	
0	expository	
0	descriptive	
0	narrative	
Exe	ercice	
		[solution n°12 p.27]
Th	is type of paragraph is used to present information, ideas, or opinions.	
0	narrative	
0	expository	
0	descriptive	
0	persuasive	
Exe	ercice	
		[solution n°13 p.27]
	e goal of this paragraph is to convince another person to change, or at least their opinion about something.	nink about changing,
0	persuasive	
0	expository	

[solution n°14 p.27]

Which type of paragraph would this topic sentence best go with :

Himalayan Mountains are the tallest mountains in the world.

- O descriptive
- O narrative
- O expository
- O persuasive

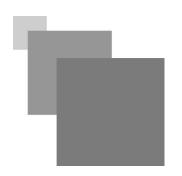
Writing Assignment



Write about a holiday or special festival in your country. Use time order. Write about the prepations for the holiday ad then about the actual celebration itself.

Describe your living space.

Solutions des exercices



> **Solution** n°1 Exercice p. 7

Exe	Exercice					
Wh	at are the basic types of paragraphs?					
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	process, cause and effect, expository, persuasive					
Y	descriptive, expository, narrative, persuasive					
Exe	ercice					
The	e newspaper is usually composed of					
	descriptive text,					
	expository text,					
$ \mathbf{Z} $	narrative text,					
Y	persuasive text.					
> \$	Solution n°2	Exercice p. 12				
Exe	ercice					
A n	arrative paragraph is telling a story					
⋖	True					
	False					
Exe	ercice					
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	yes	
	no	
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\checkmark	Adjectives	
	Articles	
	contractions	
> \$	Solution n°4	Exercice p. 15
Exe	ercice	
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⋖	False	

☐ True	
> Solution n°5	Exercice p. 17
Exercice	
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• narrative	
O expository	
O persuasive	
O descriptive	
> Solution n°7	Exercice p. 18
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0	expository			
0	narrative			
0	descriptive			
> \$	Solution n°8	Exercice p. 19		
Which type of paragraph would this topic sentence best go with : My best friend's freckled face always has a glowing, crooked smile.				
0	persuasive			
0	narrative			
0	expository			
0	descriptive			
> \$	Solution n°9	Exercice p. 19		
Which type of paragraph would this topic sentence best go with :The day I won first place in the box car derby race was the proudest day of my life.				
0	persuasive			
0	narrative			
0	expository			
0	descriptive			
> \$	Solution n°10	Exercice p. 19		
This paragraph is used to tell a story. There is a logical sequence of events.				
Y	narrative			
	persuasive			
	expository			
	descriptive			

Exercice p. 20

Which type of paragraph would this topic sentence best go with :			
Despite what dog lovers might believe, cats actually make better pets			
• persuasive			
O expository			
O descriptive			
O narrative			
> Solution n°12	Exercice p. 20		
This type of paragraph is used to present information, ideas, or opinions.			
O narrative			
O descriptive			
O persuasive			
> Solution n°13	Exercice p. 20		
The goal of this paragraph is to convince another person to change, or at least think about changing, their opinion about something.			
• persuasive			
O expository			
O descriptive			
O narrative			
> Solution n°14	Exercice p. 21		
Which type of paragraph would this topic sentence best go with :			
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O descriptive			

> Solution n°11

- O narrative
- expository
- O persuasive