Prequisite

a. What is a paragraph?

A paragraph is a group of sentences that fleshes out a single idea, in order for a paragraph to be effective, it must begin with a topic sentence, have sentences that support the main idea of the

paragraph, and maintain a consistent flow.

b.What is an effective paragraph? It is the paragraph that,

- Presents a single idea.

-Begins with a topic sentence that makes this single idea evident.

-Contains support in form of sentences that convey this single idea.

-Informs the reader about your idea

c.What are the essential elements of a paragraph?

1. Unity:

In order for a paragraph to maintain a sense of unity, the paragraph must focus solely on a single idea,

point or argument that is being discussed. therefore, the paragraph should not begin to stray and

develop new ideas.

2. Coherence:

it is more commonly referred to as the flow of your writing. When a paragraph flows, the reader will be

able to understand the main idea that you have presented. A paragraph maintains a flow when each

sentence following the topic sentence must build upon each other in an organized way, and the ideas

must be clearly presented.

3. The topic sentence:

Every paragraph begins with a topic sentence. It gets the attention of the reader and tells what the paragraph will be about. It should be interesting and specific; the details should be saved for the later paragraphs. The sentences that follow the topic sentence add more specific details and tell more about the topic. These sentences are called body sentences. Every sentence in the body of your paragraph needs to be about the topic. The last sentence of the paragraph is called the closing or the concluding sentence. In this sentence you will remind the reader what the topic is and what it means.

Paragraph organization is what will be learned through our lesson today