

Mastering Paragraphs with Pip the Bookworm

Learning objective: To understand how to organise writing into paragraphs using subheadings and topic sentences.

Read the information below about Pip's library. Use the Word Mat to help you understand how paragraphs group ideas together. Answer the questions to show you can spot the structure in a text.

The Great Library

****Sorting the Books****

Pip the caterpillar loves his library. He keeps his books in tidy piles. Every pile has a theme. One pile is for adventure stories, and another is for facts about nature. By grouping the books, Pip can find exactly what he needs without searching for hours.

****Writing New Stories****

When Pip writes his own stories, he uses paragraphs to keep his ideas clear. Each paragraph starts with a topic sentence that tells the reader what the paragraph is about. Once he finishes talking about one idea, he starts a new paragraph for the next one. This makes his writing easy to read and fun to share with his friends.

Word bank: Paragraph · Topic Sentence · Subheading · Structure · Organise · Flow · Group · Theme · Indentation

1. Why does Pip group his books into different piles, according to the first paragraph? (2 marks)

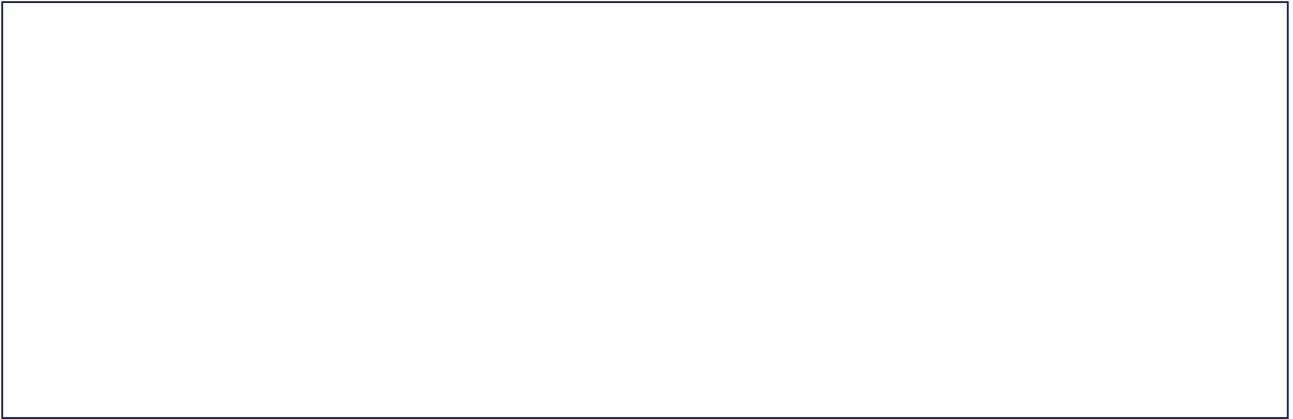
2. What is the purpose of a 'topic sentence' in a paragraph? (2 marks)

3. Look at the passage. How many subheadings are used to help organise the information? (1 mark)

4. Why do you think it is important to start a new paragraph when writing about a new idea? (2 marks)

5. Find and copy the word from the text that means 'to arrange things in a neat or tidy way'.
(1 mark)

Draw: Draw a picture of Pip's library with two different 'themed' bookshelves. Label each bookshelf with a subheading.



Extension challenge: Write a short paragraph about your favourite hobby. Remember to start with a clear topic sentence and ensure every sentence in your paragraph is about that same topic.