

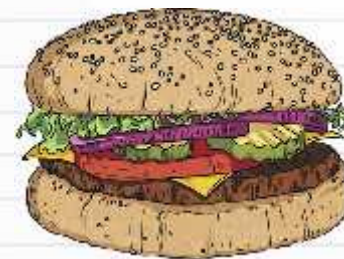


# How To Write a Paragraph

# What Is a Paragraph?

A paragraph is a section of writing that is made from a group of sentences. These sentences are about one subject or part of a larger writing piece.

Sometimes it is helpful to think about a paragraph as a hamburger (or vegan burger!)



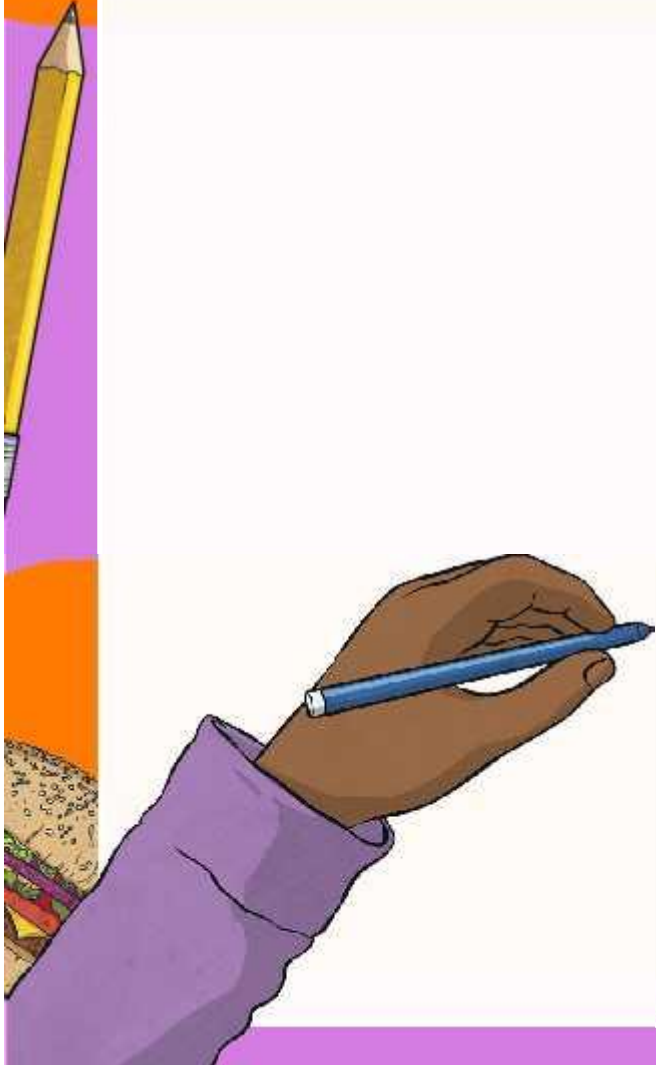
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The first step to writing a paragraph is identifying the main idea or topic.

A paragraph is made of sentences about the same topic, so your first sentence or two will introduce the main idea of your paragraph.

Think of this part of your paragraph as the top bun of your hamburger.



# Let's Practice!

Look at this main idea and come up with a sentence or two to introduce this topic.



**The First Day  
of School**

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Now that you know how to start a paragraph with your main idea or topic sentences, you need to write some details.

These details need to support your main idea. This will make up the body of your paragraph.

The body should be 3-5 sentences that stay on topic and give more information about your main idea.

Think of the body as the patty and toppings of the hamburger.

# Let's Practice!

Look at this paragraph's title and introduction. Add some details to the body of the text.

Remember, these details must support the main idea of the paragraph.



## Abraham Lincoln

Abraham Lincoln was the 16th president of the United States.

He had an interesting life and accomplished many things.

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The final part of a paragraph is the conclusion. The conclusion is made of one or two sentences that complete the idea of the paragraph. The conclusion sometimes includes a personal connection, such as the author's opinion or feelings about the topic.

If you are writing an informational piece, do not include your feelings. Just close the paragraph with facts.

Think of the conclusion as the bottom bun of your hamburger.

# Let's Practice!

Look at this paragraph's title, introduction, and body. Complete this paragraph with a conclusion.

Remember to stay on topic, but bring the paragraph to a close.



## Exercise

Doctors recommend regular exercise on a daily basis. When people exercise, the heart pumps oxygen to the brain.

This oxygen helps the brain be more alert. Exercise is proven to give people more energy and help maintain health.

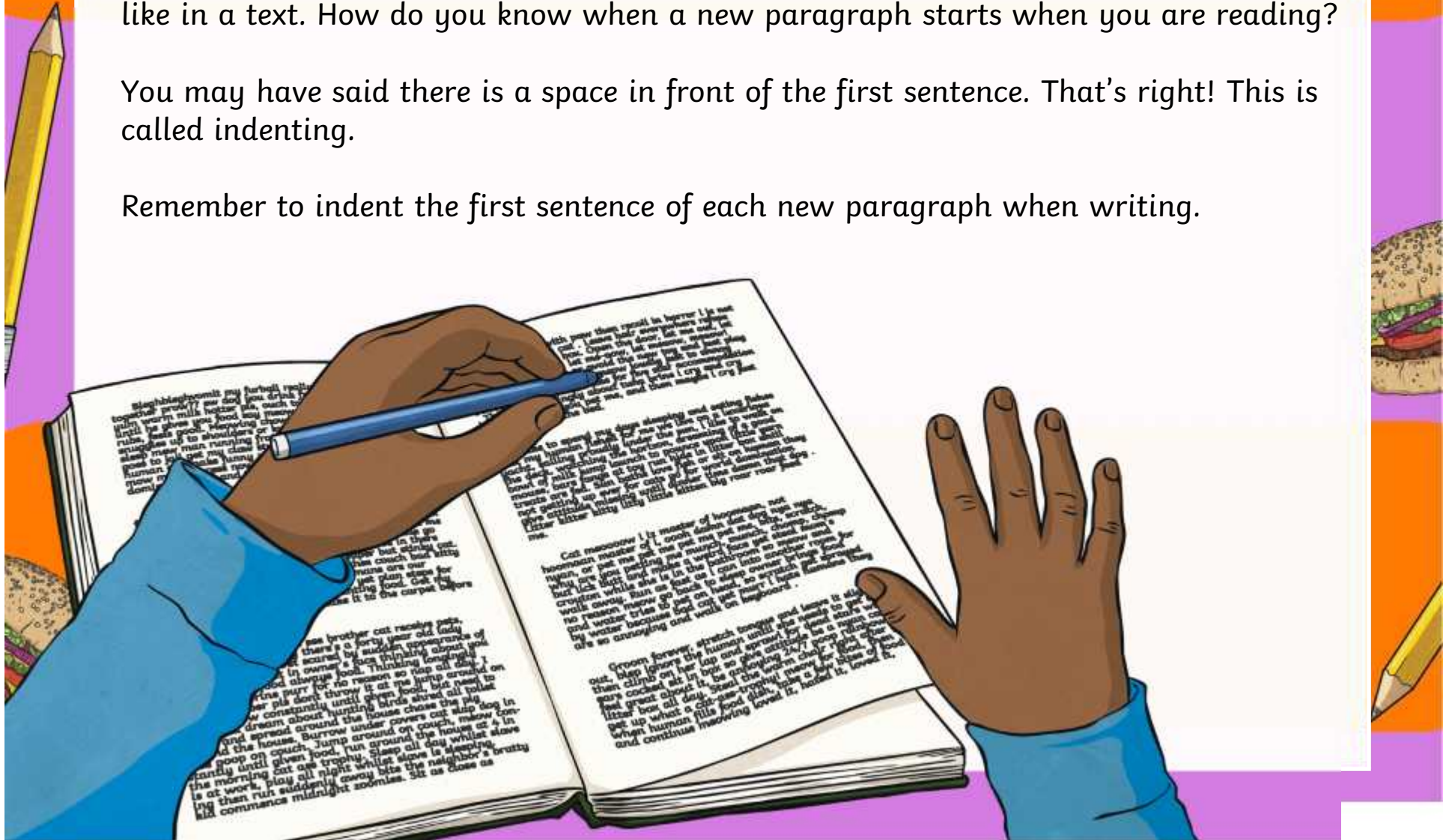


# What Does a Paragraph Look Like?

Now that you know the parts of a paragraph, think about what a paragraph looks like in a text. How do you know when a new paragraph starts when you are reading?

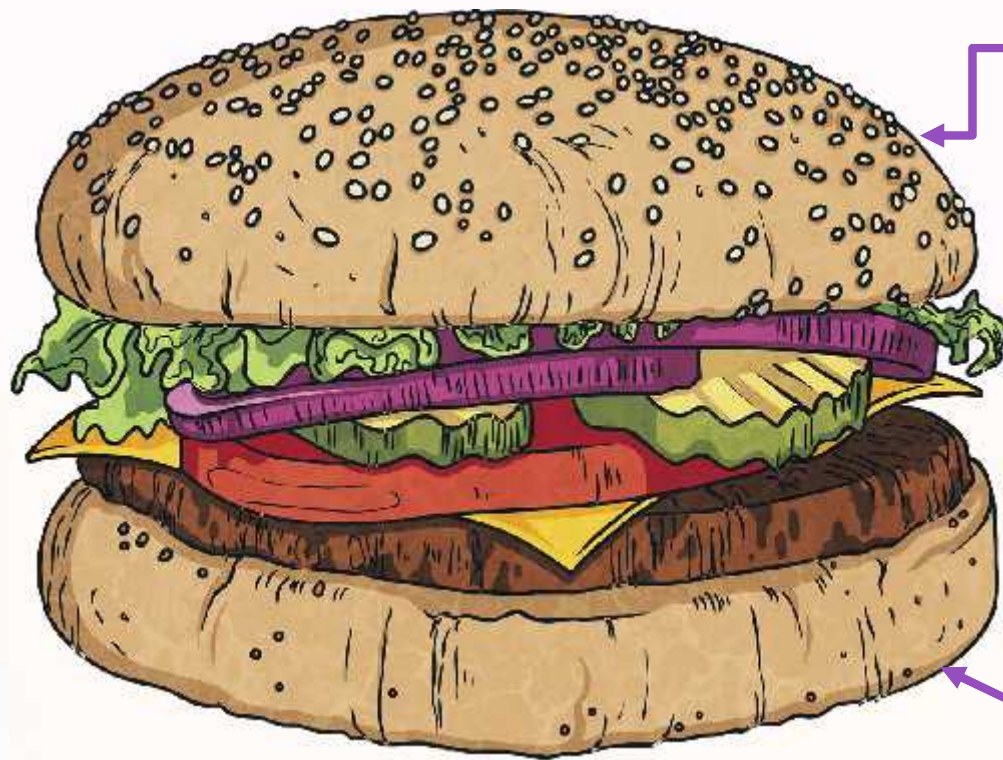
You may have said there is a space in front of the first sentence. That's right! This is called indenting.

Remember to indent the first sentence of each new paragraph when writing.



# Your Turn!

Now it is your turn to write a paragraph. Remember to think about a hamburger!



introduction

body

conclusion

