

# Paragraph

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## Introduction

A paragraph is a short piece of writing that consists of a number of sentences written on one topic or idea. A paragraph must begin with a sentence that introduces the topic of the paragraph. It should be followed by sentences that develop the main idea and conclude it by the end.

Thus, a paragraph is a short composition complete in itself. A good paragraph should have the following features:

- 1. Unity:** A paragraph should deal with only one thought or topic. Ideally, readers should get an idea of the theme right at the beginning of the paragraph.
- 2. Connectivity:** The sentences in a paragraph should be well-connected to the central idea. Each sentence should logically follow the previous sentence and should naturally be followed by the next one. Care should be taken to maintain coherence and fluency.
- 3. Emphasis:** A paragraph may include a few ideas related to the central theme. However, all ideas cannot be equally important. Thus, the writer should give each idea as much importance as it deserves.
- 4. Conclusion:** The last sentence should be impressive. It should be written in such a manner that it brings a proper sense of conclusion to the write-up.

There are several ways of developing the main idea of a paragraph. The following points may help you in writing a paragraph on a given topic:

- (a) Think about the topic given to you and jot down all the points that come to your mind. Make sure that your thoughts are related to the given topic only. This will save time.
- (b) Arrange your points in a systematic manner.
- (c) Preferably, begin your paragraph with a sentence introducing the central theme.
- (d) Develop the subject well and make sure that all the points are well-connected.
- (e) Ensure that the sentences are not too long.
- (f) The last sentence should be impressive. It should give an effective ending to the paragraph.

(g) Avoid writing wrong/ incorrect information.

## **Conservation of Water**

**Q. Write a paragraph on the topic 'Conservation of Water'.**

**Answer:**

### **Conservation of Water**

We all know the importance of water in our lives. We need water not only for our personal needs but also for agricultural and industrial purposes. Considering this wide range of use, it goes without saying that any kind of shortage of water will lead to tremendous problems. As a result of increase in population, the demand for water is increasing day-by-day, which is taking a toll on groundwater. No doubt, the scarcity of water is a result of our careless use of this precious resource, for which we need to take a call. Judicious use of water and harvesting of water are two main ways of conserving water. Steps towards this should be taken before it gets too late.

## **A Scene at a Railway Platform**

**Q. Write a paragraph on a scene at a railway platform**

**Answer:**

### **A Scene at a Railway Platform**

An Indian railway platform is an interesting place to visit. It looks like a mini-India. People from all walks of life, different religions, communities and regions can be found on a railway platform. It is interesting to watch diversity in India at one place. A railway platform is always full of activity. The constant arrivals and departures of trains, the hurried passengers, the enthusiastic vendors all make a railway platform full of hustle and bustle. The arrival of a train increases the activity as some people rush to catch the train while others rush to receive their loved ones. After the train departs, the platform attains certain calmness. A railway platform provides a picture that is crowded, yet full of vigour.

## **Smoking is Injurious to Health**

**Q. Write a paragraph on the topic 'Smoking is Injurious to Health'.**

**Answer:**

### **Smoking is Injurious to Health**

Smoking is unhealthy, dangerous and addictive. It gradually binds him tight in the web of ill health. Though a person may know the ill-effects of smoking, it becomes difficult for him to leave the habit. Cigarette contains nicotine, which is instrumental in increasing heart rate and blood pressure. Therefore, smoking results in heart attacks and strokes. Smoking is also a major cause of cancer and other respiratory diseases like asthma as it badly affects the lungs. Keeping in mind the harmful effects of smoking, government has taken steps to implement restrictions on smoking. However, no amount of legislation can distance people from smoking until and unless they themselves resolve to leave this unhealthy habit: not only for themselves but also for their loved ones.

## **Value of Discipline**

**Q. Write a paragraph on the value of discipline.**

**Answer:**

### **Value of Discipline**

Discipline refers to a certain manner of conducting oneself, especially related to self-control. Without it, man is nothing more than an animal. It is an important aspect in leading a civilized life. Cultivation of discipline starts right from childhood. The very first lessons of discipline are learnt at home from parents. Once a child enters school, certain new aspects of discipline are introduced by teachers. Discipline helps us to grow and evolve into better human beings. Punctuality, adherence to rules, following a study schedule, maintaining health and hygiene, obedience to parents and teachers etc. are all a part of disciplined life. Any fall in discipline means a fall in the standard of life. Discipline is not a check on our freedom, rather it regulates our life. If followed properly, it has the tendency to turn every society into an ideal society.

## **The Importance of Computers**

**Q. Write a paragraph on the importance of computers.**

**Answer:**

### **The Importance of Computers**

The twenty-first century is the age of computers. Computers are electronic devices that can process data at very fast speeds. They have made manual work easier and faster. They form an essential part of a person's life in today's world. With the help of computers, man has achieved great feats in the fields of science, research, technology and education. Though computer is a man-made creation, it has made human beings dependent on it for their day-to-day functioning. All offices and businesses are run with the help of computers. Computers can store large amounts of data and provide useful information through the internet. Children are taught about the working of computers in

schools so that they are able to keep pace with the ever-changing world. Computers have made the world a smaller place to live-in, especially in the context of internet.

## **Hazards of Playing on the Road**

**Q. Write a paragraph on the hazards of playing on the road.**

**Answer:**

### **Hazards of Playing on the Road**

Play is an integral part of a child's upbringing and learning. While outdoor games keep a child physically fit, indoor games keep a child's mind alert. In cities, paucity of space renders it literally impossible for children to involve in outdoor games. There are practically no parks or open space except for roads. However, aptness of playing on roads is a debatable issue. Speeding vehicles always pose a serious danger to the lives of children. Moreover, playing on roads causes trouble to the people driving. Nevertheless, left with no other option, children take the risk. It is high time parents take a call. They should approach the authorities to take concrete steps to resolve the issue and provide a risk free environment for the children to play and grow.

## **The Indian Railways**

**Q. Write a paragraph on 'The Indian Railways'.**

**Answer:**

### **The Indian Railways**

The railways made its debut in India in the year 1853. It was when the first train ran from Bombay to Thane, covering a distance of 21 kilometres. The Indian railway has not looked back since then. Daily, millions of people travel by trains to reach their respective destinations. Indian railways provide a fast, cheap and convenient means of transport. It also acts as an easy and convenient transport system to carry various raw materials and manufactured goods from one part of the country to the other. Thus, it helps in providing access to even those commodities that are not found in a particular region. Moreover, Indian railways works as a major integrating force. This is because it brings together people from all walks of life and thereby strengthens the bond of unity among Indians.

## **Pleasures of School Life**

**Q. Write a paragraph on the pleasures of school life.**

**Answer:**

## Pleasures of School Life

The most important and enjoyable period in every person's life is the time that he/she spends in school. The carefree attitude, the company of friends, naughty but innocent pranks, and fun filled holidays add up to the joy of school life. Even the pressure of studies does not dampen a student's spirit. School life provides a person with innumerable opportunities to learn something new each day. The cultural festivals and competitions become memories to be cherished for a lifetime. School life is a time when the mind is without any fear and the heart is filled with never-ending joy. It is a time when the realities of life does not yet clutter the mind with innumerable tensions. Life at school is indeed a pleasure and should be lived zestfully.

## Value of Games

**Q. Write a paragraph on the value of games.**

**Answer:**

### Value of Games

Games play an important role in a person's life. It would not be incorrect to say that they are as important in a person's life as education is. They are not only recreational in nature but also refreshing as they help us regain our lost energy. They keep us physically fit, mentally alert and foster a sense of discipline and decorum. Moreover, one gets to learn the importance of cooperation and unity, thereby giving up selfishness. In the process, we learn how to face defeat; how to treat victory and defeat as equals. It is said that if books help develop the mind, games help develop the body. Therefore, we should always try to engage ourselves in such activities.

## Importance of Newspapers

**Q. Write a paragraph on the importance of newspapers.**

**Answer:**

### Importance of Newspapers

Newspapers are an effective medium for the circulation of news and relevant information. They ensure a large readership as they cover topics from almost every aspect of life and society. They provide a plethora of information about politics, sports, science, literature and other major events to the general public.

Thus, they play an important role in making people aware of the world around them. In a democratic country like India, newspapers are instrumental in forming public opinion and providing a forum for debates and discussion. During the days of India's struggle for

independence, newspapers such as the 'Kesari,' 'Bengal Gazette,' 'Marhatta,' etc.

Played a pivotal role in mobilising people for a common cause i.e., India's independence. In short, it can be said that a newspaper is a mirror of the society and has a profound effect on the minds of its readers.