Writing paragraphs

Parts of a paragraph

1. Topic sentence   - first sentence in a paragraph, introduces the main idea

                          - gives the reader a clear sense of the content

                          - contains words or phrases called 'controlling ideas'

2. Supporting details - after the topic sentence

                          - "body" of a paragraph → give details to develop the main idea of the paragraph (facts, examples, …)

3. Closing sentence   - last sentence of a paragraph

   (Concluding)   - restates the main idea in different words

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Paragraph writing in practice

TOPIC SENTENCE _____ (general)

A. **Point1** about the topic sentence _____(more specific)

    specific detail that explains,   _____

    describes, illustrates Point 1   _____(most specific)

B. **Point2** about the topic sentence _____

    specific detail about Point 2   _____

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C. **Point3** about the topic sentence _____

    specific detail about Point 3   _____

    specific detail about Point 3   _____

Concluding sentence _____ (general)