

Writing Checklist — Paragraphs

A self-editing checklist your child can use before handing in written work.

Name

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Date

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Paragraph topic: _____

Go through each box below and check it off once it's true for your paragraph. Use this before you hand any written work in.

Content

- ☐ My paragraph has a topic sentence that introduces the main idea.
- ☐ I included at least 3 supporting details or facts.
- ☐ I used transition words (First, Next, Also, Finally).
- ☐ My paragraph has a concluding sentence that wraps up the idea.

Grammar & Mechanics

- ☐ Every sentence starts with a capital letter.
- ☐ Proper nouns (names, places) are capitalized.
- ☐ Every sentence ends with the correct punctuation (. ? !).
- ☐ I circled any words I'm unsure how to spell and checked them.

Final Read-Through

- ☐ I read my paragraph out loud — it makes sense and sounds right.
- ☐ My handwriting (or typing) is neat and easy to read.

How Do You Think You Did?

Circle one: **Needs Work** — **Getting There** — **Great Job!**

One thing I'll work on next time:
