

Parts of a Paragraph

Name: _____

A paragraph has a topic sentence, detail sentences and a closing sentence.

Recess is the best part of the school day. There is finally room to run after sitting still all morning. It is the one time we choose what to do instead of being told. Best of all, it is when I see my friends from the other class. Everyone comes back to the room ready to work again.

1. Underline the topic sentence.
2. How many detail sentences are there?

3. Which sentence closes the paragraph?

4. Write a new topic sentence for a paragraph about your favourite season.

Bike helmets are worth the fuss. A helmet takes the force of a fall that would otherwise go straight into your skull. It costs less than a single trip to the emergency room. It also makes you easier for drivers to see, especially a bright one. Ten seconds with the strap is a small price for all of that.

5. Underline the topic sentence in the second paragraph.
6. Which detail is the strongest reason? Why?

Parts of a Paragraph — Answer Key

1. Recess is the best part of the school day.
2. Three.
3. Everyone comes back to the room ready to work again.
4. Answers will vary. Accept any sentence that states an opinion or topic broad enough for details to follow.
5. Bike helmets are worth the fuss.
6. Answers will vary. The head-injury reason is strongest because it is about safety rather than cost or convenience.