

Color Coded Paragraph

Topic Sentence – What is the main idea of the paragraph?

Supporting Details – One example or explanation about the main idea

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Final Supporting Evidence – The last piece of information about the main idea

Closing Sentence – Let the reader know the paragraph is complete OR restate the topic sentence.

Example:

My favorite animal is the giraffe. **It has a long neck to reach leaves in a tree.** **They also have long legs.** **I once fed a giraffe at a sanctuary.** **This is why the giraffe is my favorite animal.**

How can you strengthen your paragraph?

Use a variety of sentences.

There are four types of sentences: simple, compound, complex, and complex-compound.

Examples:

Simple - The giraffe is tall.

Compound – The giraffe is tall and skinny.

Complex – Even though the giraffe eats a lot, it is still skinny.

Complex-Compound – The giraffe is tall and skinny, but it eats a lot otherwise it would be hungry.

Practice:

Video: (<https://www.espressoenglish.net/english-sentence-structure-4-types-of-english-sentences/>)

Activity: (<https://www.education.com/exercise/simple-compound-and-complex-sentences-0/>) – Press 'Play Now'

