

Paragraph of the Week

Over the course of this week, you will be writing a paragraph. You will choose a topic (within the given parameters) and will brainstorm, draft, and write a complete paragraph. Be sure to use all that we have learned in class when writing this paragraph. So let's get started!

Monday

Brainstorm what would happen if animals could talk. Think about what conversations we would have with them, how that would change how we interact with animals, and what that would mean for our pets. Write down all you can think of in the space below.

What would happen if animals could talk?

they'd yell at us argue

"I want food"

demanding

hunters

help us

TALK (history)

tell us problems

annoying

"scratch there..."

who they belong to (lost)

warn

seem smarter

comm. with other animals

understand us

tease/laugh

better (when we talk about them)

better behavior

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Now that you have the topic of your paragraph, you will write the main body sentences. Be sure that they are all on topic, as this is the "meat and potatoes" of your thoughts.

Tuesday

6 sentences, or a combination of simple, compound and complex sentences.

Using the brainstorm you created yesterday, choose 3 of your thoughts about what would happen if animal could talk. They will become the three details about the topic. Write a sentence for each. Then, write an explanation sentence for each.

Detail One : Animals could help us if they talked.

Explanation : We could ask them where they live if they were lost.

Detail Two : An animal that talked could ask for things they need

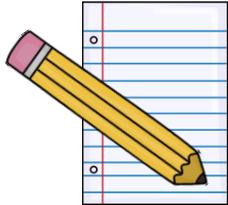
Explanation : Your pet would tell you when they wanted to go for a walk.

Detail Three : If something was wrong, an animal could tell you what is bothering them.

Explanation : This would be useful if they were hurt.

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Topic sentences tell the reader exactly what you will discuss in your paragraph without giving away any of the details.
Closing sentences sum up what you have already written.
They are the "frame" for your paragraph.

Wednesday

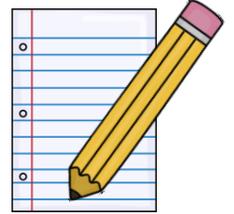
Introductory sentence
Conclusion sentence

Now that you have your details and explanations written, you must write a topic sentence and closing sentence. Remember, your topic sentence must let the reader know what you are going to talk about in your paragraph, without discussing any of the details. Your closing sentence must restate your topic sentence, using synonyms and different words.

Topic Sentence : If animals could talk, we would be able to communicate with our pets.

Closing Sentence : Being able to speak to our pets would make them easier to understand.

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A paragraph talks about one topic, with many sentences all supporting that topic. This is when you will construct that paragraph.

Thursday

It is time to put all of your work together in the form of a paragraph. The topic sentence goes first, followed by the detail/explanation combo sentences. The last sentence is your closing sentence.

Reread it all and make sure it makes sense. It should all be about the same topic, give lots of information, and be written in complete sentences.

If animals could talk, we would be able to communicate with our pets. Animals would be able to help us when they got lost by telling us where they live. An animal that talked could ask for what they need. Your dog could tell you if he wanted to go for a walk, or your cat could tell you if she was hungry. If something was wrong, a talking pet could tell you what is bothering them. Imagine how useful this would be if your pet was hurt! Being able to speak to our pets would make them easier to understand.