

WORKSHEET 10.1 ANALYZING A PARAGRAPH

The following paragraph has been introduced to you in an episode of *Thought*.

1. The first sentence is the topic sentence.
2. The second sentence is the first supporting sentence.
3. The third sentence is the second supporting sentence.
4. The fourth sentence is the third supporting sentence.
5. The fifth sentence is the concluding sentence.

The above paragraph is an example of a paragraph. It has a topic sentence, a first supporting sentence, a second supporting sentence, a third supporting sentence, and a concluding sentence. The topic sentence is the first sentence of the paragraph. It tells the reader what the paragraph is about. The supporting sentences are the sentences that follow the topic sentence. They provide evidence to support the topic sentence. The concluding sentence is the last sentence of the paragraph. It summarizes the main idea of the paragraph.

ANALYZING THE PARAGRAPH

1. Underline the topic sentence. Write the key words of the topic sentence.
2. Underline the first supporting sentence. Write the key words of the first supporting sentence.
3. Underline the second supporting sentence. Write the key words of the second supporting sentence.
4. Underline the third supporting sentence. Write the key words of the third supporting sentence.
5. Underline the concluding sentence. Write the key words of the concluding sentence.
6. Write the main idea of the paragraph in your own words.
7. Write the key words of the topic sentence in your own words.
8. Write the key words of the first supporting sentence in your own words.
9. Write the key words of the second supporting sentence in your own words.
10. Write the key words of the third supporting sentence in your own words.
11. Write the key words of the concluding sentence in your own words.

ANALYZING THE PARAGRAPH (CONTINUED)

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