

### Writing Essays: Introductory Paragraph

Level: Elementary School

*To write a good essay, you need to grab your reader's attention with a strong introductory paragraph. The recipe for an introductory paragraph:*

***topic sentence + main points (supporting sentences) + concluding sentence***

*Giving your readers a sneak peek at the information in your essay will make them want to read on.*

**Read the sentences below. There are three groups of sentences. Place a "T" next to each topic sentence. Place an "S" next to each supporting sentence. Place a "C" next to each concluding sentence. Remember the recipe: topic sentence + main points (supporting sentences) + concluding sentence.**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ You can make soup, oatmeal, and even pancakes over a fire.  
\_\_\_\_\_ Have you ever wanted to cook a meal over a fire like people did long ago?  
\_\_\_\_\_ With an adult's help, you can learn to cook meals in a fireplace or over a campfire.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Amazingly, the perfect book was waiting for me--you will never guess where I found it!  
\_\_\_\_\_ I searched at the library, the bookstore and my best friend's house, but didn't locate it.  
\_\_\_\_\_ I really wanted to find the perfect book to read on vacation.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ In fact, I think my beach visits may have inspired me to become a marine biologist.  
\_\_\_\_\_ When I go to the shore, I like to birdwatch, catch crabs, and find sharks' teeth.  
\_\_\_\_\_ The amount of wildlife to explore keeps me coming back over and over.

## Writing Essays: Introductory Paragraph Answer Sheet

1. S  
T  
C

2. C  
S  
T

3. C  
T  
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