GRAMMAR:

Parts of Speech

* Noun
* Verb
* Adjective
* Adverb
* Pronoun
* Preposition
* Interjection
* **Conjunction**

Meaningful Linguistic Units:

* Text (essay)
* **Paragraph** (composed of sentences)
* Sentence
* Clause ( s+v) : Dependent and Independent clauses
* Phrase
* Word
* Morpheme (Prefix, Root, Suffix). Un-happi-ly

**PARAGRAPH STRUCTURE** (5-9 (5-11) Sentences / Never a page long)

* **Topic Sentence**
* Supportive Sentences/ 3 Big Ideas (explain, provide detail, example, a quote)
* Sub-supportive sentences
* **Closure (Concluding Sentence)**

**SAMPLE PARAGRAPH:**

**There are three reasons why Canada is one of the**

**best countries in the world**. **First, Canada has an**

**excellent health care system.** All Canadians have

access to medical services at a reasonable price.

**Second, Canada has a high standard of education.**

**Students are taught by well-trained teachers and are**

**encouraged to continue studying at university.** **Finally,**

**Canada's cities are clean and efficiently managed.**

**Canadian cities have many parks and lots of space for**

**people to live.**  **As a result, Canada is a desirable place to live.**

**TRY TO COMPOSE A PARAGRAPH YOURSELF:**

Pre-Topic Sentence

* **Topic sentence:** Choosing a college or university can be difficult. Sub-Topic sentence
* **Supporting ideas:**  **1.** **Good Location**

Sub-supportive sentence

**2.** **Affordable**

Sub-supportive sentence

Sub-supportive sentence

**3.** **Good preparation for major.**

Sub-supportive sentence

* **Concluding sentence:** We should consider these points carefully when choosing the most appropriate college or university.

**SAMPLE PARAGRAPH**

**Choosing a college or university can be difficult.** The most difficult part is finding a university that prepares students well for the future career. **First of all, a good location is very important when choosing a school.** The environment should be safe and quiet to facilitate studying. **Another difficulty in choosing a university or college is affordability.** We need to be able to pay the tuition fees and living expenses. Some institutions might be able to offer scholarships. **Finally, there should be possibilities near the school for part time or summer jobs in the major we choose, so we can get some practical work experience.** **Thus, we should consider all of these points carefully when choosing the most appropriate college or university.**

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**Paragraph vs Essay**

**Paragraph** is composed of SENTENCES (4/ 5-11 sentences)

**Essay** is composed of PARAGRAPHS (4/5- 8… paragraphs)

The **main idea** **of the Paragraph** is in the beginning: **Topic Sentence**

The **main idea of the Essay** is the **last sentence** of Introductory paragraph: **Thesis Statement**

The Structure of the **Paragraph:**

* Topic Sentence (main idea)
* Supportive Sentences
* Closure / concluding sentence

The Structure of the **Essay**

* Introduction (the main idea: Thesis Statement)
* Body Paragraphs
* Concluding Paragraph