

The Hamburger Paragraph

This organizer helps children get their ideas into a cohesive shape before beginning formal writing in earnest. It consists of the three main aspects of a paragraph represented visually as a hamburger - yum! This concrete display of structure is very useful in approaching the often challenging and unwieldy task of writing a paragraph or essay.

The first part, the top bun, corresponds to the introduction or the topic sentence that indicates to the reader what the paragraph is essentially about. The following supporting sentences are represented by the filling of the hamburger where supporting ideas and information are listed. The final bottom bun represents the paragraph's conclusion. The notes here will help your child later write sentences that restate the topic sentence, summarize the ideas, and bring closure to the paragraph as a whole.

Name _____

Date _____

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