

PARAGRAPH:

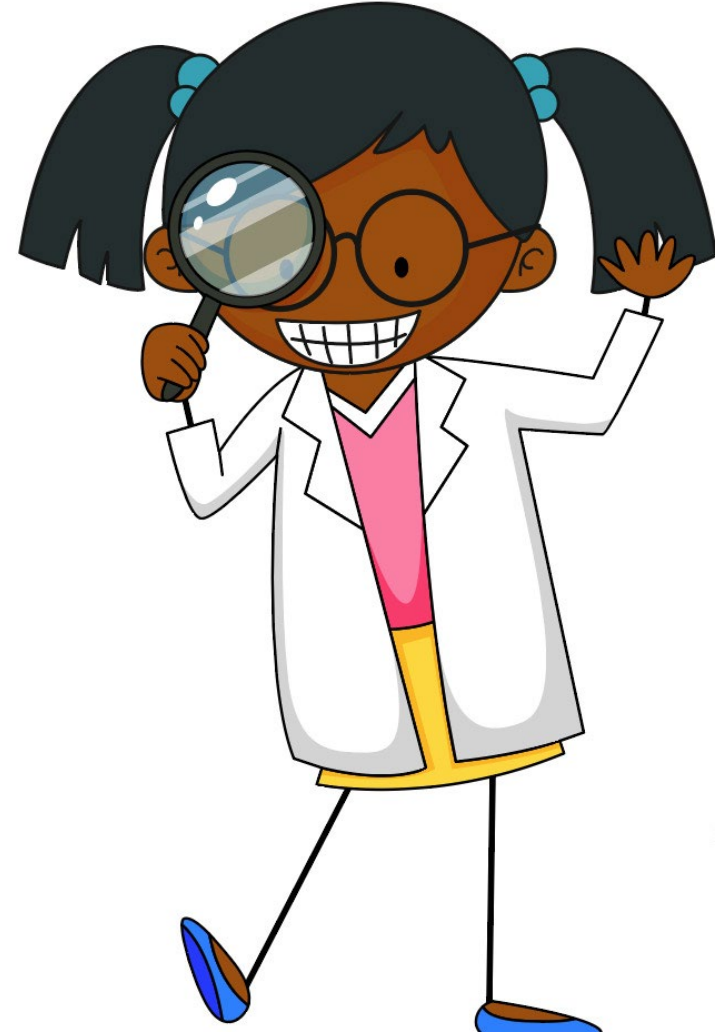
a series of sentences which build reader knowledge about an idea. Each sentence in a paragraph performs a special job and carries important information. Consider:



- *What information do readers need?*
- *What is the purpose of this sentence?*
- *What sequence makes sense?*

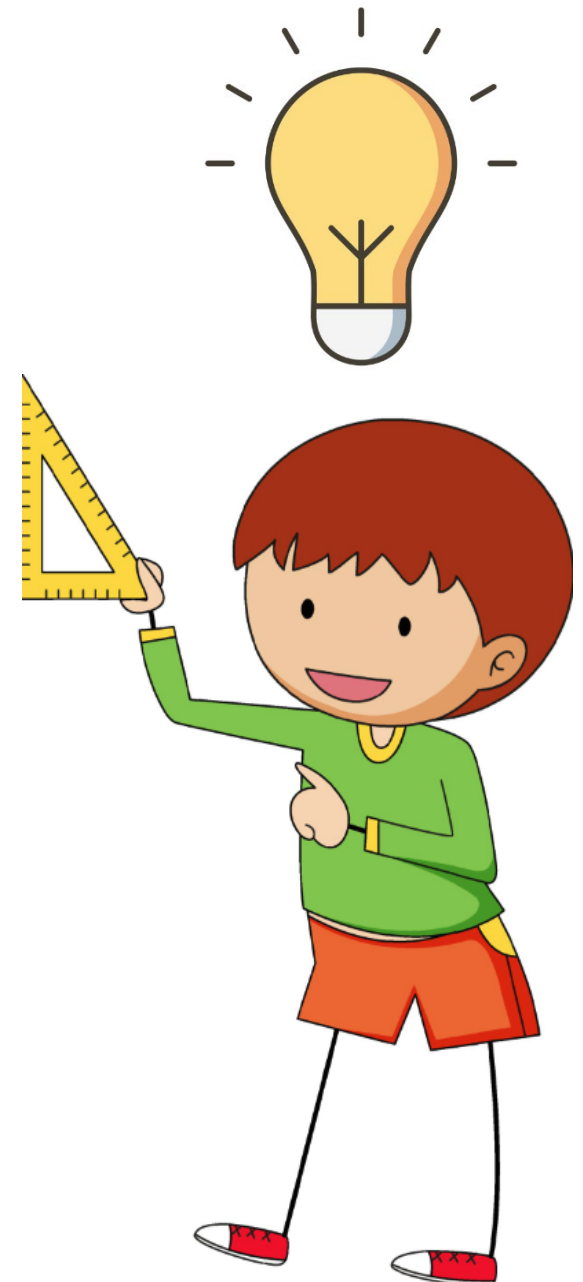
POINT SENTENCE:

states the point
or main idea of
the paragraph.



TOPIC SENTENCE:

states the topic
or main idea
of the paragraph.



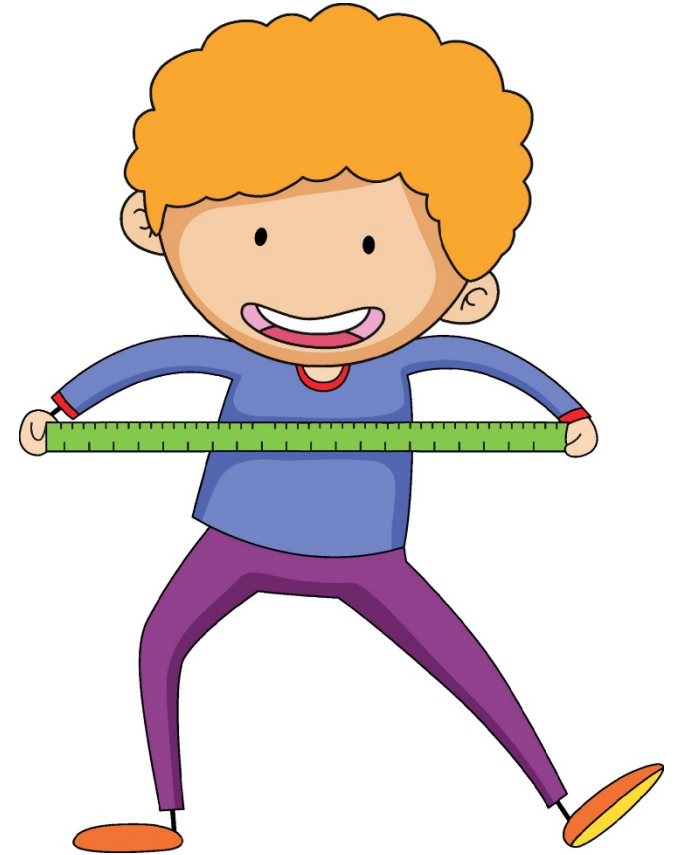
EXPLAINING SENTENCE:

explains or tells
more about
something. It could
be a word, phrase or
idea that is explained.



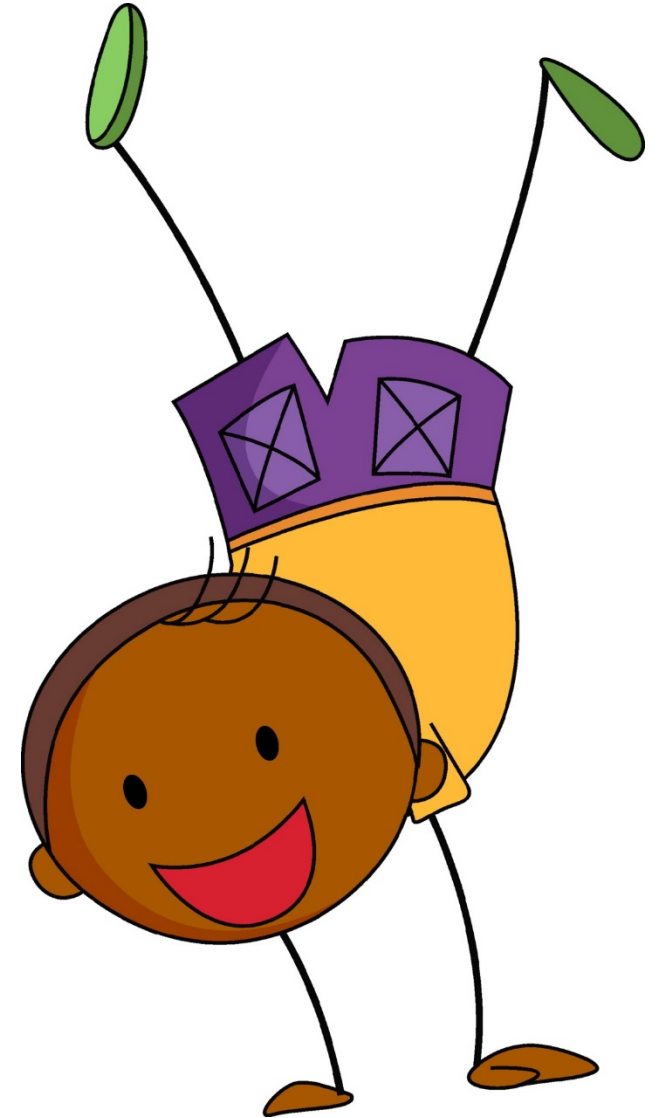
ELABORATING SENTENCE:

provides more detail about a word or idea in the previous sentence or sentences.



EXAMPLE SENTENCE:

illustrates, gives
examples or
makes a
comparison to
something else.



EVIDENCE SENTENCE:

provides a fact or statistic which shows the information is true, accurate and valid.



EVALUATING SENTENCE:

makes a judgment about how the author or someone else feels or what they think.



LINKING SENTENCE:

links the main idea of the paragraph to the idea coming next OR links back to the thesis or overall idea.

