

Paragraphs and Logical Order - Handout

1. What is a paragraph?

- A paragraph is a group of sentences about one main idea.
- Good paragraphs help the reader follow your writing.
- Start a new paragraph when the idea changes.

2. Three parts of a paragraph

Part	Job	Example
Topic sentence	introduces the main idea	Living in my area is convenient.
Details	give more information, examples or reasons	There are shops, buses and green spaces.
Ending sentence	finishes the idea	Overall, it is a good place to live.

3. Logical order

- Logical order means ideas are in a sensible sequence.
- Use time order when something happens step by step.
- Use topic order when you give different details about one main idea.
- Use ending words such as overall or for these reasons to finish.

4. Useful order words

- First, Next, Then, After that, Finally, Also, For example, Overall

5. Easy paragraph plan

- Sentence 1: Say the main idea.
- Sentences 2-4: Add details, examples or reasons.
- Last sentence: Finish the idea clearly.