

Hamburger Helper!

Let's learn how to
write a hamburger
paragraph!

When do you write this type of paragraph??



When you are expressing your thinking or knowledge of a certain topic or question

When you are sharing information about what you know or think

The Topic Sentence (Top Bun)

- ✗ the very first sentence of your paragraph
- ✗ states the main idea and explains what your paragraph is going to be about
- ✗ doesn't get into specific reasons and details yet
- ✗ always needs to be indented



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Supporting Sentences (Meat)

- ✘ support the topic sentence
- ✘ stay focused on the main idea of the paragraph
- ✘ give specific reasons
- ✘ should be two or three in a paragraph



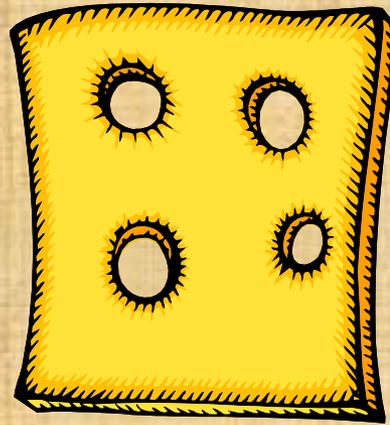
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Elaboration Details (Cheese, Lettuce, Tomato)

✘ follow up your supporting sentences with details and examples

✘ tells how, why, or so what?

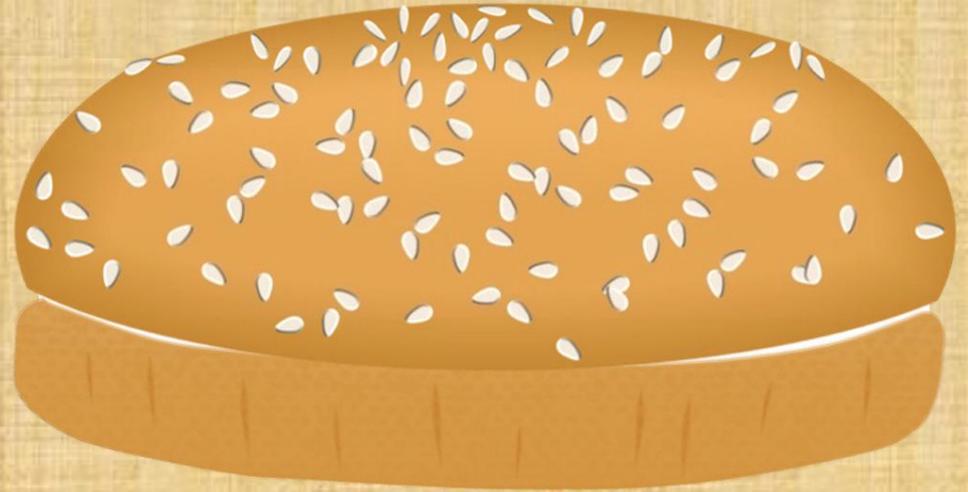
Make your burger extra delicious! Add elaboration details. YUM!!!!!!



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The Concluding Sentence (Bottom Bun)

- ✘ the last sentence of your paragraph
- ✘ restates the main idea and what your paragraph was about
- ✘ should be worded differently than your topic sentence



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You are now ready to write a DELICIOUS
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Now, it's your turn! Choose one of the following prompts and write a hamburger paragraph:

- What is the best vacation spot?
- What is your favorite subject?
- What is the best related arts class?



Write a paragraph with a topic sentence, supporting sentences, elaboration details, and a concluding sentence. Use your notes to help you color code each section.

Write your paragraph on lined paper with a proper heading.