

Varied Fluency

Step 10: Using Paragraphs

National Curriculum Objectives:

English Year 3: Introduction to paragraphs as a way to group related material

Differentiation:

Developing Questions to support the use of paragraphs. Includes sorting 3 sentences into the correct order; writing as a paragraph; and selecting appropriate sub-headings and words to start a paragraph. Word banks provided with 2 options.

Expected Questions to support the use of paragraphs. Includes sorting 4 sentences into the correct order; writing as a paragraph; and selecting appropriate sub-headings and words to start a paragraph. Word banks provided with 3 options.

Greater Depth Questions to support the use of paragraphs. Includes sorting 5 sentences into the correct order; writing as a paragraph; and selecting appropriate sub-headings and words to start a paragraph. No word banks provided.

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Using Paragraphs

1a. Number the sentences below to show the order they would be written in a paragraph.

Whilst Dad loaded the suitcases into the car, Mum checked nothing had been left behind in the house.

They finally clambered into the car and began their journey to the seaside.

The family were packing their bags ready for their holiday in Wales.



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2a. Choose the best sub-heading for the paragraph below.

Earth

Antarctica

Antarctica is the Earth's most southern continent. Around 98% of it is covered in ice. It is the driest, coldest and windiest continent on the planet, and is considered to be a desert.



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3a. Choose the best word or phrase to start the paragraph below.

Slowly

As quick as a flash

_____, the cheetah sprung out of the grass and chased the antelope. Within seconds, it had caught up to its prey. The cheetah pounced and the antelope fell to the ground.



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Using Paragraphs

1b. Number the sentences below to show the order they would be written in a paragraph.

He could eat just about anything right now.

Sid the snake had been on a treacherous journey through the jungle.

He was incredibly tired and unbelievably hungry.



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2b. Choose the best sub-heading for the paragraph below.

Stephen Hawking

Science

Stephen Hawking was a famous scientist. He was born in the UK on the 8th January 1942, and passed away on 14th March 2018 at the age of 76. He is best known for his work on the beginning of the universe and black holes.



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3b. Choose the best word or phrase to start the paragraph below.

In a puff of smoke

Through the door

_____, Melvin the Magician disappeared before their eyes; the children searched the room in disbelief. They had been impressed enough when he made the coin disappear, but a whole person? Maybe magic was real after all!



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4a. Number the sentences below to show the order they would be written in a paragraph.

To her surprise, there wasn't a single present in sight!

Slowly, she opened the door.

She couldn't let her parents catch her sneaking a peek at her presents.

As quiet as a mouse, Amy crept down the stairs.



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4b. Number the sentences below to show the order they would be written in a paragraph.

She had spent the last six weeks at a horrible Summer camp.

Sam packed her bags and waited for morning to come.

Tomorrow, she was going home.

The whole experience had been so miserable and she couldn't wait to escape.



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5a. Choose the best sub-heading for the paragraph below.

The Solar System

The Sun

Mars

Mars is the fourth planet from the Sun. It is also the second smallest planet in our Solar System. Mars was named after the Roman God of War. It is known as the 'Red Planet' due to the iron oxide on its surface which makes it look red.



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5b. Choose the best sub-heading for the paragraph below.

Oceans

Megalodon

Sharks

Megalodon is an extinct type of shark. It lived millions of years ago. The word 'Megalodon' means 'big tooth'. At 59 feet long, Megalodon is believed to be one of the biggest and most powerful predators to have ever existed.



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6a. Choose the best word or phrase to start the paragraph below.

All of a sudden

In conclusion

Clearly

_____, it is clear to see that a healthy diet is very important. It helps to improve both mental and physical health. I strongly believe that children should learn more about health and fitness in schools. This will help them make the best choices that they can.



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6b. Choose the best word or phrase to start the paragraph below.

Fortunately

Happily

Desperately

_____, Sam searched through all of his drawers for the missing key. It was nowhere to be seen. Nathan had trusted him to take good care of it, and now he would have to tell him that he'd let him down. Defeated, Sam sunk into his chair.



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7a. Number the sentences below to show the order they would be written in a paragraph.

Amy was just reaching into her bag when she heard it.	
They had finally arrived in Wales.	
Could it be... Felix?	
There was a tiny, familiar meow coming from the back pocket.	
Together, they cheered and Amy suggested they celebrate with sweets!	



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8a. Write a suitable sub-heading for the paragraph below.

An elephant's most important body part is its trunk. Elephants have long trunks which are used for breathing, lifting up water and picking up objects. Elephant trunks can lift up to 770 pounds! Trunks can twist which helps elephants to collect food. They can even be used to help an elephant fight!



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9a. Write a suitable word or phrase to start the paragraph below.

_____ that the school day should not be made longer. We already have five lessons a day! By 3:30, my friends and I are tired. At that time, we are ready to go home to relax and play. It would be too hard to concentrate on extra lessons later in the afternoon.



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7b. Number the sentences below to show the order they would be written in a paragraph.

Everywhere they looked was covered with a fluffy, white, untouched blanket.	
They skipped to the back door with glee.	
Alana raced to wake up her sister Fay.	
They put on their warmest clothes and wrapped up tightly.	
All night, the snow had been falling thick and fast.	



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8b. Write a suitable sub-heading for the paragraph below.

The planet Jupiter has 79 moons! The four largest moons (which can be seen from Earth) are: Io, Europa, Ganymede and Callisto. They are some of the largest satellites in our Solar System. These moons are known as the 'Galilean satellites'. They were named after Italian astronomer Galileo Galilei.



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9b. Write a suitable word or phrase to start the paragraph below.

_____, Ellie went to church with her grandparents. She had always enjoyed listening to the Bible stories and joyfully singing the hymns. But ever since she met Izzy, church didn't seem much fun anymore. She wanted to play with Izzy on Sundays instead. Izzy was quickly becoming Ellie's new best friend.



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Developing

- 1a. 3, 1, 2
- 2a. Antarctica
- 3a. As quick as a flash

Expected

- 4a. 4, 3, 2, 1
- 5a. Mars
- 6a. In conclusion

Greater Depth

- 7a. 2, 1, 4, 3, 5
- 8a. Various answers, for example:
Elephant Trunks
- 9a. Various answers, for example:
I believe, I think, I am certain

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Developing

- 1b. 2, 3, 1
- 2b. Stephen Hawking
- 3b. In a puff of smoke

Expected

- 4b. 2, 1, 3, 4
- 5b. Megalodon
- 6b. Desperately

Greater Depth

- 7b. 5, 3, 4, 2, 1
- 8b. Various answers, for example:
Jupiter's Moons
- 9b. Various answers, for example:
Every Sunday, On Sundays, Each week