

Creating a paragraph: Like making a burger!

**Topic
Sentence**



**Evidence
and analysis**



**Concluding
Sentence**



RESOURCES

- ✗ This power point has been developed by using:
- ✗ Page, M., & Winstanley, C., 2009. *Writing essays for dummies*. Chichester: Wiley.
- ✗ *Ch9 Penning the perfect paragraph.*
- ✗ **There is lots of information on the web regarding this subject just type in writing paragraphs**

COMPARE THIS

- ✗ Narrative analysis is focused on how a person's life chronological has led him to his current state. Processing data from his birth to recent times helps a psychologist assess his current mental health. IPA, on the other hand, assesses how the person viewed or views his life and past experiences in his life. This approach can bring up inherent perspectives the individual has over his life.
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YOUR WORK HAS TO BE 'READABLE':

PARAGRAPHS

- ✗ 'are collections of related thoughts grouped together to help ideas develop coherently and logically.
- ✗ Being able to structure your essays into neat and clear paragraphs shows careful thinking, and by linking the paragraphs together effectively you present a sound and plausible argument'

COHERENCE IS THE NAME OF THE GAME

- ✗ That there is no confusion in the work
- ✗ It follows logical steps from the title to the end full sop

1ST THING TO CONSIDER

- ✗ What am I trying to do in this paragraph?
- ✗ Page and Winstanley suggest these areas:
 - ✗ Describing
 - ✗ Defining
 - ✗ Evaluation
 - ✗ Classifying
 - ✗ Selection and option
 - ✗ Comparing

Examples of types of paragraphs		
Type of Paragraph	Purpose of Paragraph	Key Words To Use
Defining	To explain an object, process or idea	Counselling is defined as. Humanistic therapy is often seen as
Describing	To say what something or someone is like	Carl Rogers can be describe as the most influential figure in Humanistic psychotherapy
Evaluating	To judge or assess	CBT has had a good representation within research ... The more relevant forms of research for Humanistic therapy are ... Poor, weak, inaccurate
Classifying	To group thinks into categories	Contemporary Counselling now belongs under the wider umbrella of the HPC ... Is part of; is related to; is a sort of ...
Selecting an option	To say which of several options is preferable	In this project I seek to demonstrate ...
Comparing	To show the similarities and differences	Counselling is similar to psychology in some areas, however, in other is

WRITING ACADEMICALLY

- ✗ All of the above can be useful in your work : remember that you need to demonstrate significant **critique** which suggests that paragraphs contain -
- ✗ Evaluation by way of analysis
- ✗ Comparison by way of analysis
- ✗ Explanation by way of analysis
- ✗ Authorial voice by way of analysis

DO'S: WELL WRITTEN

- ✗ Dividing your writing into topics or key points
- ✗ Clear and thorough – well balanced : PARAGRAPH BURGER
- ✗ Full of appropriate evidence, examples and points that re-enforce your argument.
- ✗ Logical –see next slide

DON'TS: BADLY WRITTEN

- ✗ Too many paragraphs – doesn't develop the argument
- ✗ Too few – structure of argument gets lost – poor construction
- ✗ Not linked together – disjointed
- ✗ Ideas bounce through the work

PARAGRAPHS

STEPS TO A GOOD PARAGRAPH

- ✗ 1. what is the purpose of the paragraph
- ✗ 2. what question are you seeking to answer in the paragraph
- ✗ 3. what resources, evidence, do you need to answer the question
- ✗ 4. what is the position you want to put forward
- ✗ Put the paragraph together in the Paragraph Burger Style:
 - ✗ Topic Sentence
 - ✗ Argument – evidence
 - ✗ Round-up with a clear transition to the next paragraph

THIS IS NOT A CLEAR TRANSITION

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Needs:

Comment

Concluding sentence and signposting – see below

THIS IS A BETTER TRANSITION

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Comment needed. However, McLeod may well be following a tradition which has long been established within the field, but until now, under acknowledged. It may be of value to consider some of the main contributors to this area and to highlight some controversies which, as yet, remain unresolved. **(SUCCESSFUL SIGNPOSTING)**

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