

ENGLISH · GRADES 3–4

# Paragraph Structure

Topic · Support · Conclusion

## The three parts

1

### Topic sentence

States the main idea of the paragraph.

*Example: Dogs make wonderful pets.*

2

### Supporting details

2–4 sentences that explain or prove the topic sentence.

*Example: They are loyal, playful, and protective. They can be trained to do tricks.*

3

### Conclusion

A closing sentence that wraps up the paragraph.

*Example: It's no wonder so many families choose dogs as their pets.*



