

# KS2 English



There are five reasons  
for starting a new paragraph

## Reason 1

A new paragraph is needed when  
something new **happens** in a story



I will need a new  
paragraph shortly  
because I will be  
on the island  
and digging up  
that treasure.



## An Introduction to Paragraphs

When you write a story (and in most other types of writing), you will write more than one sentence. To make your work easy to read, your sentences must follow on from each other in a logical way. You will need to put each new sentence that you write after the last one, in a way that makes sense.

A group of sentences that are about one thing, and follow on from each other in a way that makes sense, is called a paragraph.

	<p><b>First</b></p> <p>words need to be put together in the correct order to make a sentence</p>
	<p><b>Second</b></p> <p>sentences need to be put together in the correct order to make a paragraph</p>

If you are writing a story you need to organise the sentences into separate paragraphs. A paragraph contains a group of sentences that are about one topic. When something changes in your story, you will need to start a new paragraph.

The different parts of your story should always be put into separate paragraphs. This makes the story easier to read. You can do this by starting a new paragraph on the next line after the last paragraph has finished.

It is important when you write a story, to keep all the information about the same thing in the same paragraph. However, you also need to remember to start a new paragraph when something changes. There are five separate occasions when you need to start a new paragraph.

## The Five Reasons to Start a new Paragraph

It is important when you write to keep all the information about the same thing in one paragraph. However, you also need to remember to start a new paragraph when something changes.

You need to start a new paragraph every time something in your story changes. The **five** reasons for something changing in a story are:

<b>1</b>	when something <b>new</b> happens in the story
<b>2</b>	when the <b>setting</b> in the story changes
<b>3</b>	when the <b>time</b> in the story changes
<b>4</b>	when a new <b>character</b> appears in the story
<b>5</b>	every time someone in the story <b>speaks</b>

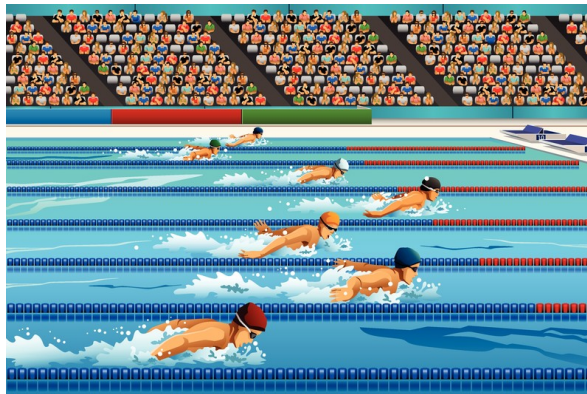
You are now going to learn about the **first** reason for starting a new paragraph.

Reason 1

You need to start a new paragraph when something **new** happens

Look at these sentences from a story about a swimming competition. Not all the sentences belong in the same paragraph. Read the sentences first:

a	The whistle blew and we dived in.
b	There was a huge splash.
c	I was just getting dry when I heard the result.
d	I am a good swimmer, so I felt really confident.
e	The crowd cheered which helped me to swim faster.



Now answer these questions about which sentences belong together.

1. Which four sentences above belong in the same paragraph?

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2. Which sentence does not belong in this paragraph?

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3. This sentence should start a new paragraph. Why? Give a reason.


Starting a new paragraph  
when something **new** happens

- Read these extracts and then write the next paragraph.

Harry had been home from school for an hour and a half. He had done his spellings and was just finishing his dinner. His mum had said that if he finished his homework before dinner, he could go out to play. He really wanted to go to play football tonight so he took the dirty dishes to the sink and started washing up.

A new paragraph is needed  
now as something is about to change

Suddenly, the door bell rang, it was Jack. Harry put the last clean plate in the cupboard and ran out of the kitchen. He grabbed his jacket and shin pads, shouted 'bye' and ran out of the front door. It was cold walking to the park so Harry and Jack zipped up their jackets.

A new paragraph is needed now as something is about to change. You decide what this change is and then write the paragraph:

As Harry and Jack were walking towards the park...




## Paragraphs - Self-Assessment Activity

While I have been learning really hard stuff about Einstein and his theories, you have been learning easy stuff about paragraphs.

You have just learnt that a new paragraph is needed when something *new* happens in a story.

Now do one of the two activities in the table below. Be careful! One of them is slightly harder than the other.

You only have three minutes to complete one of the two boxes below, so make sure you choose the right one!



List three of the reasons for starting a new paragraph in a story:	Explain one of Einstein's equations in the graphic above:

Still working on your own fill  
in the blanks in the table below.

The five reasons for starting a  
new paragraph in a story

1	When something		happens.
2	When the		in the story changes.
3	When the		in the story
4	When a new		appears.
5	When someone in the story starts		

Now check your answers.

You should have used these six words to fill in the blanks above so that they make sense (they are not in the right order). If you didn't use these then do the table again.

speaking	character	changes
setting	time	new

## Self-Regulation Activity

Self-regulated learners  
understand how they learn best.



I think...		with a partner	in a group	on my own
a	I learn the most when I work...			
b	I am better at working out how to do something...			
c	I can check more easily how I am doing...			
d	of better ways to do something...			
e	I stay on task longer...			
f	I get more distracted...			
g	I remember more of my work when I work...			
h	I enjoy my work more when I work...			

Complete this sentence:  Overall, I think I work best...	with a partner.	
	in a group.	
	on my own.	