

KS2 English



There are five reasons
for starting a new paragraph

Reason 2



A new paragraph is needed when
the **setting** in a story changes



The setting in this
story is going to
change in five
minutes when we
land on a strange
planet called Earth.

An Introduction to Paragraphs

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.

First words need to be put together in the correct order to make a sentence	
Second sentences need to be put together in the correct order to make a paragraph	

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.

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.

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:

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

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

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Look at these sentences from a story about a trip to the vets. Not all the sentences belong in the same paragraph. Read the sentences first:

a	We walked into the waiting room and sat down.
b	We felt nervous; it was Buddy's first visit to the vet.
c	The waiting room was very noisy.
d	As we walked home, Buddy's started barking.
e	There were two cats and a parrot also waiting to see the vet.



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.

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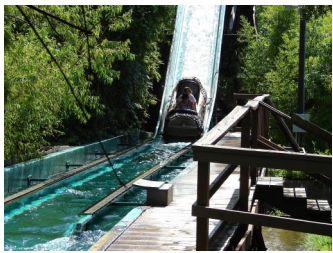
- Read these extracts and then write the next paragraph.

Rosa was having a great time. Alton Towers had been brilliant. Rosa loved theme parks – they were such fun! There were so many things to do and she had been on some amazing rides. She was feeling hungry now so she checked her map to find somewhere near where she could eat.

A new paragraph is needed now as the events in the story are about to move away from the theme park.

Rosa found a vegan food truck. She was going to have a vegan burger and some juice. She also had an apple in her bag for later. While she had her lunch, she looked at the map to see where she could go next.

A new paragraph is needed now as a new place is introduced. Rosa headed for the *Water Rapids* ride. A few minutes after the ride started, Rosa saw something strange going on. She needed to stop the ride immediately but doesn't know how to do that. Write a paragraph about what happens next.



Now check your learning

You have learnt that a new paragraph is needed when the setting in a story changes.

Now explain what this means in your own words and give an example if you can.



Now 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 changes.
4	When a new		appears.
5	When someone in the story starts		



Self-Assessment Activity

Looking at your own work to see what was good about it and what might be improved is called self-assessment. Self-assessment is a good skill to have in all your work.






Use this table to self-assess
your work in the last activity.

Did I use the following words to fill in the blanks:

1	new	y	n
2	setting	y	n
3	time	y	n
4	character	y	n
5	speaking	y	n

Choose the box below that applies to you:

	1 - 2 words used correctly		3 - 4 words used correctly		5 - 6 words used correctly
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