

# KS2 English



There are five reasons  
for starting a new paragraph.

## Reason 4



A new paragraph is needed when a  
new **character** appears in a story



## 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 way 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.

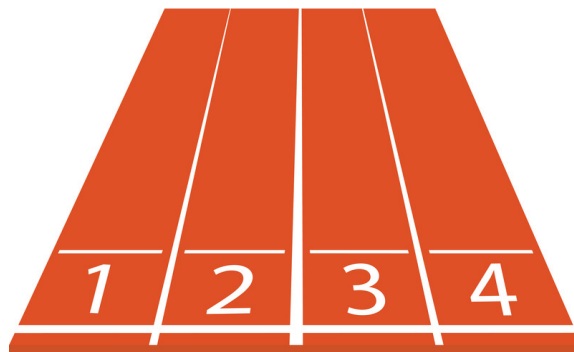
You need to start a new paragraph every time something in a story changes. The <b>five</b> reasons for something changing in a story are:	
<b>1</b>	when something <b>new</b> happens in the story
<b>2</b>	when the <b>setting</b> in the story changes
<b>3</b>	when the <b>time</b> in the story changes
<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 <b>fourth</b> reason for starting a new paragraph.	

Reason 4

You need to start a new paragraph when there is a new **person** in a story

Look at these sentences from a story about a race. Not all the sentences belong in the same paragraph. Read the sentences and identify which sentences belong together.

a	It was the day of the big race.
b	Jack was so nervous - he really wanted to win.
c	Jack thought today might be the day he finally won a race.
d	Then he saw Kayla walk over to the starting line.
e	Kayla was the best runner in the school.



Now answer these questions about which sentences belong together.

1. Which three of the sentences above belong in the same paragraph?

2. Which two sentences do not belong in this paragraph?

3. These two sentences should start a new paragraph. Why? Give a reason.

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You need to start a new paragraph when there is a new **person** in the story

- Read these extracts and then write the next paragraph.

The whole team was silent as we changed into our kits. There was definitely a nervous tension in the air. Today our new player would arrive. This player had a great reputation and our manager had been trying to sign them for months. In one way it was a good thing; we definitely needed a new goal scorer to score some much needed goals for us. Although, some of us were now worried that someone would now lose their place in the team.

A new paragraph is needed now as a new character is about to be introduced.

The changing room door opened. Everyone stopped what they were doing and turned to face the door. The new player walked in and smiled.

A new paragraph is needed now as the new player is introduced. Write the next paragraph about what they are like and why they will be a good player for your team. Your team could be for a sport of your choice.


## Now Work on Your Own


Working on your own will help you to make sure that your learning is on track. Complete the box at the bottom.


You have learnt that "a new paragraph is needed when a new character appears". Now explain what this means in your own words.





Still working on your own give one example of each of the five reasons for starting a new paragraph.


The five reasons for starting a new paragraph in a story are:

1	When something new happens.	
		

2	When the setting in the story changes.	
		

3	When the time in the story changes.	
		

4	When a new character appears.	
		

5	When someone in the story starts speaking.	
		

## Independent Learning Activity

You will learn more if you stop to think about what you have learnt

Look at this from this lesson.

*You need to start a new paragraph when a new character appears.*

Ava says you can always add a new character to an old paragraph if it's short.

Do you think Ava is right?

yes

no

Give a reason for your response.

