

KS2 English



There are five reasons
for starting a new paragraph

Reason 5

A new paragraph is needed
every time someone **speaks**

Who's a clever
boy then?



Well it is more likely
to be me and
definitely is not you!



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>First</p> <p>words need to be put together in the correct way to make a sentence</p>
	<p>Second</p> <p>sentences need to be put together in the correct way 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 **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 **fifth** reason for starting a new paragraph.

Reason 5

You need to start a new paragraph when someone different **speaks** in the story

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

a	"How many have you got now?" Daisy asked.
b	"I haven't counted yet, but lots." I replied.
c	We had been walking for about an hour.
d	My bucket was nearly full of shells.
e	They were all different shapes and colours.



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.

Reason 5

You need to start a new paragraph when someone different **speaks** in the story

- Read these extracts and then write the next paragraph.

Jasmine realised that only she could save the day. She had seen Mrs Bell go into her house, but she hadn't seen her leave. Now there was smoke coming from the kitchen window. She ran downstairs, picked up the phone and dialled 999.

A new paragraph is needed now as Jasmine is about to speak:

Someone answered the phone and Jasmine blurted out, "QUICK! FIRE!, come quickly, help her."

And now, as someone different is speaking:

"Okay," said a calm voice, "you need the fire brigade. They have been alerted. You now have to tell me where the emergency is."

And now, as Jasmine is speaking again.

"Right, it is 34 Maple Avenue," said Jasmine, with a huge sigh of relief. Hopefully, Mrs Bell would soon be rescued by the fire brigade. Jasmine's teacher would be so proud of her and think she was a hero. Jasmine waited for the fire engine by the gate.

A new paragraph is needed now as a new person is speaking. A fireman arrives on the scene. Write what the fireman says.

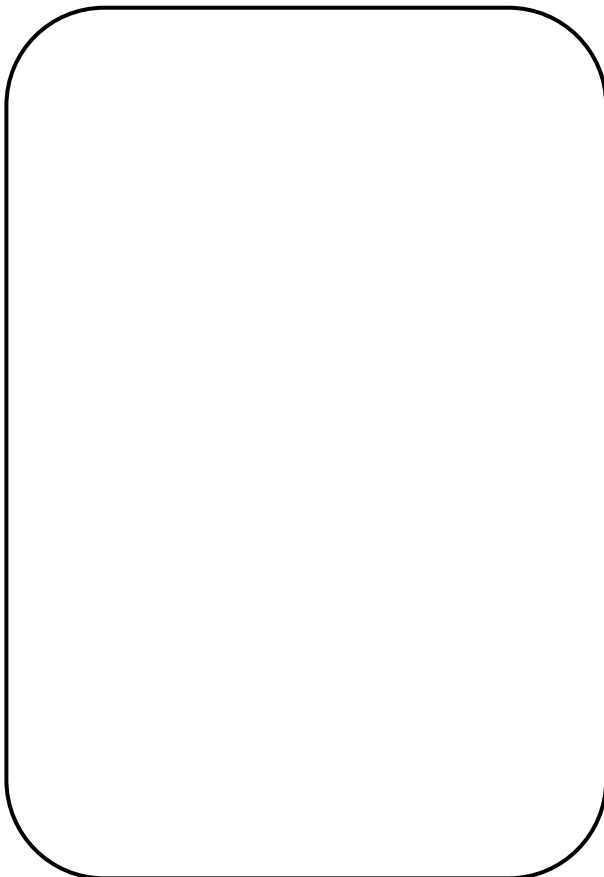


Individual Activity

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 every time someone speaks". Now explain what this means in your own words.

Giving an example is a good way to go!



Still working on your own decide how your learning went by completing the table below.

The five reasons for starting a new paragraph in a story are:		
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1	When something new happens.	✓
	I could explain this reason to another pupil.	
	I would like this reason explained to me.	

2	When the setting in the story changes.	✓
	I could explain this reason to another pupil.	
	I would like this reason explained to me.	

3	When the time in the story changes.	✓
	I could explain this reason to another pupil.	
	I would like this reason explained to me.	

4	When a new character appears.	✓
	I could explain this reason to another pupil.	
	I would like this reason explained to me.	

5	When someone in the story starts speaking.	✓
	I could explain this reason to another pupil.	
	I would like this reason explained to me.	

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 every time something in your story changes. There are five reasons for something changing in a story.

Without looking back at the lesson write down the five reasons.

1		
2		
3		
4		
5		



Could you give the five reasons without looking back at the lesson?

yes

no