

# Paragraph

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## Introduction

A paragraph is a short piece of writing that consists of a number of sentences written on one topic or idea. A paragraph must begin with a sentence that introduces the topic of the paragraph. It should be followed by sentences that develop the main idea and conclude it by the end.

Thus, a paragraph is a short composition complete in itself. A good paragraph should have the following features:

- 1. Unity:** A paragraph should deal with only one thought or topic. Ideally, readers should get an idea of the theme right at the beginning of the paragraph.
- 2. Connectivity:** The sentences in a paragraph should be well-connected to the central idea. Each sentence should logically follow the previous sentence and should naturally be followed by the next one. Care should be taken to maintain coherence and fluency.
- 3. Emphasis:** A paragraph may include a few ideas related to the central theme. However, all ideas cannot be equally important. Thus, the writer should give each idea as much importance as it deserves.
- 4. Conclusion:** The last sentence should be impressive. It should be written in such a manner that it brings a proper sense of conclusion to the write-up.

There are several ways of developing the main idea of a paragraph. The following points may help you in writing a paragraph on a given topic:

- (a) Think about the topic given to you and jot down all the points that come to your mind. Make sure that your thoughts are related to the given topic only. This will save time.
- (b) Arrange your points in a systematic manner.
- (c) Preferably, begin your paragraph with a sentence introducing the central theme.
- (d) Develop the subject well and make sure that all the points are well-connected.
- (e) Ensure that the sentences are not too long.
- (f) The last sentence should be impressive. It should give an effective ending to the paragraph.

(g) Avoid writing wrong/ incorrect information.

## **Disaster Management**

**Q. Write a paragraph on disaster management.**

**Answer:**

### **Disaster Management**

Nature has compelled man to bow down to it by proving its strength in the form of natural disasters. Under such circumstances, disaster management helps minimise the damage by preparing for it before its occurrence. Warning systems that include sophisticated scientific instruments keep track of the movements of earth and oceans. They are installed in disaster prone areas and us of any imminent danger. Also, in the event of a disaster, emergency response teams are set up for evacuation, rehabilitation, etc. Sensitizing people about necessary precautions and the steps that need be taken during a calamity also forms part of disaster management. In brief, disaster management is a concerted effort by mankind in order to reduce the damage caused by natural calamities.

## **Role of Media in a Democratic Country**

**Q. Write a paragraph on the role of media in a democratic country.**

**Answer:**

### **Role of Media in a Democratic Country**

Democracy is a government by the people, for the people and of the people. Though the opinion of the people acts as a fuel that propels the engine of democracy, media plays a pivotal role in forming this opinion by linking people and government. Media is a pillar that lends support to a democratic set-up. It helps the masses in developing an analytical attitude towards various issues of social relevance. However, sometimes the role played by media exceeds its boundaries. The freedom of press or media is an important requisite for any democracy. But, at the same time, a democracy can function well only when each of its organs works within its own limits, without interfering in the work of others.

## **The Need for Communal Harmony**

**Q. Write a paragraph on the need for communal harmony.**

**Answer:**

## The Need for Communal Harmony

Communal harmony means a bonding between various communities of a particular region. It is essential for maintaining peace and tranquility in a country like India, where diverse social groups co-exist. Communalism is a feeling of enmity that stems from extreme fanaticism for one's own religion and intolerance towards the religion of others. Presence of numerous religions, castes, creeds and cultures makes India all the more vulnerable to the menace of communalism, India has witnessed gruesome communal riots such as the Mumbai riots, the anti-Sikh riots, the Godhra riots etc. These have resulted in major loss of innocent lives and precious property. In such a scenario, the need for communal harmony becomes all the more essential. People must be taught to respect each other's religions and beliefs. An environment of overall prosperity and peace, where everyone lives harmoniously, is the dream that every Indian must strive to achieve.

### Fast Food: Healthy or Unhealthy?

**Q. Write a paragraph on the topic 'Fast Food: Healthy or Unhealthy'.**

**Answer:**

#### Fast Food: Healthy or Unhealthy?

Fast food or junk food, though easy to cook, is far from being healthy. Most children are in love with such food items and gradually become addicted to burgers, hot dogs, noodles, pizzas, *samosas*, pastas, colas, etc. However, it is high time children understand the ill effects of such food habits. Junk food is extremely harmful for the body. This is because of the low quality or adulterated ingredients used and the unhygienic conditions of preparations. Increased consumption of such food is dangerous for our liver and digestive system. It is, thus, important for children to develop healthy eating habits. They must understand the importance of having a balanced diet. After all, a healthy mind resides in a healthy body.

### Trees are Nature's Blessings

**Q. Write a paragraph on the topic 'Trees are nature's blessings'.**

**Answer:**

#### Trees are Nature's Blessings

Nature has given us many things as its blessings, one of them being trees. They are a source of life for us. They use up carbon dioxide exhaled by us and release oxygen for us to breathe. They provide us with fruits, flowers, shade and wood for fuel and furniture. They also add beauty and charm to our environment. They help in bringing

rain, checking floods, etc. Thus, they keep the weather in control. However, in recent times, the percentage of forest area is fast depleting due to rampant deforestation. People need to understand that the entire civilization could collapse in the absence of trees. Thus, the need of the hour is to preserve old trees and plant new ones.

## **We Live in Deeds Not in Years**

**Q. Write a paragraph on the topic 'We live in deeds not in years'.**

**Answer:**

### **We Live in Deeds Not in Years**

*"Don't count the days in your life, count the life you have lived in those days"* is a small but beautiful thought that gives a completely new perspective to life. Though every person desires to live a long life, the number of years we live has no connection with the quality of life we live. Life has a meaning and value only when it is lived happily, contentedly and with altruism. A short life spent in the service of mankind is said to be more worthy than the one lived for selfish motives. Thus, one needs to understand that it is not the quantity but the quality of life that matters.

## **Disadvantages of Living in a Big City**

**Q. Write a paragraph on the disadvantages of living in a big city.**

**Answer:**

### **Disadvantages of Living in a Big City**

Big cities offer numerous opportunities and attractions to the people belonging to smaller towns, with their wide roads, big cinema halls, huge sky scrapers, shopping malls, etc. However, life in big cities has its own disadvantages. The biggest of them is the ever increasing population, as thousands of people come to these cities in search of better means of livelihood. Though most localities are extremely congested due to paucity of space, even small accommodations are very expensive.

The over populated city is always prone to huge traffic jams, pollution, crime, diseases and tensions. To conclude, it can be said that life in big cities is more of a trouble than the potential of realising one's dreams.

## **The Monster of Terrorism**

**Q. Write a paragraph on terrorism.**

**Answer:**

## The Monster of Terrorism

Terrorism means the use of violence to terrorise people in order to create political or religious chaos. The non-resolution of conflict among people is one of the primary reasons for the propagation of terrorism. Today, terrorism is a worldwide problem, sparing no nation. We have seen its ugliest form during the last decade. Even a powerful country such as the United States of America was not spared by these evil powers. These days, terrorism manifests itself in several forms – political terrorism, state-sponsored terrorism, religious terrorism, etc. The use of violence for achieving one's goals cannot be approved by a civil society under any circumstances. Today, fighting terrorism is equivalent to waging a long tortuous war. Therefore, all countries should work in tandem to uproot this menace of terrorism.

## Success Story of Delhi Metro

**Q. Write a paragraph on the success story of Delhi Metro.**

**Answer:**

### Success Story of Delhi Metro

The Delhi Metro is a rapid transit system that was introduced in Delhi in the year 2002. The project aims to be completed by the year 2015, wherein complete connectivity of the areas in and around Delhi will be achieved. Delhi Metro caters to the heavy traffic requirement of Delhi and NCR, changing the entire traffic scenario in Delhi. Commuting has now become easier and much faster than before. Metro has nearly halved the travelling time and eased the traffic on roads. Besides being an eco-friendly means of transport, it even plays an important role in preserving our environment. Delhi metro is indeed a success story from which many other states have taken inspiration and have planned to launch their own metro networks.

## The Need to Ban Polybags

**Q. Write a paragraph on the need to ban polybags.**

**Answer:**

### The Need to Ban Polybags

The use of polythene bags has become a common practice. Though they are cheap, durable and a convenient means of carrying things, the menace they create is enormous. Being non-biodegradable, they cause environmental issues. They choke drainage systems and decrease the fertility of soil. Polythene bags are harmful not only for the environment but for stray animals as well. Sometimes, from the garbage, these animals eat the remains of food items along with the polythene bags in which they are

wrapped. This proves fatal for them. Thus, there is an urgent need to impose restrictions on its use to save our planet. These bags must be replaced with eco-friendly bags such as jute and paper bags. It is high time we understood the importance of conserving and protecting our environment from such hazards.