

How to Use Paragraph Hamburger

Writing a paragraph

The diagram is a vertical stack of five shapes representing the layers of a hamburger. The top layer is a simple oval labeled 'Main Idea:'. The second layer consists of three circles, each containing a five-pointed star, labeled 'Detail #1:'. The third layer is a wavy, cloud-like shape labeled 'Detail #2:'. The fourth layer is a rounded rectangle labeled 'Detail #3:'. The bottom layer is a simple rectangle labeled 'Concluding Sentence:'. At the very bottom, there is a small copyright notice: '©The Education Center, Inc. • THE HAMBURGER® - Primary - Dec/Jan 1997-98'.

There are three parts:

1. The top bun is where you put the introduction: you will write a sentence called the topic sentence, which tells what the paragraph is going to be about.
2. The next part is the middle of the hamburger or the filling. Instead of the hamburger meat, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, and mustard or ketchup, in the hamburger paragraph this is where you will compose several supporting detail sentences that give more information about your topic. (You can have more than three details.)
3. The bottom bun is the conclusion to the paragraph. This is where you will write a sentence that restates the topic sentence.