

Note: Use this checklist with students who are ready to write independent paragraphs on subjects of their own choosing.

## Preparing a Paragraph



Put a check in the box when you have done the step.

1. Pick a subject for your paragraph.

2. Think about what the main idea of the paragraph will be.

3. Write a topic sentence about the main idea.

4. Add details to your paragraph.  
Does each detail support the main idea?

5. Read your paragraph.  
Can you see ways to make it better?

6. Proof your paragraph.  
(You may want to ask a friend to proof it also.)

I indented the first word.

I used correct punctuation marks.

My paragraph says what I wanted it to say.

7. Copy your paragraph in your best handwriting.

8. Share it with a classmate.