



## Paragraphs note-making

**A paragraph is a section of writing consisting of a number of sentences organised around a particular idea within a topic. Each paragraph starts on a new line.**

Paragraphs often begin with the main information in the first sentence and then add more details about the idea. They often have a concluding sentence.

For each new idea, start a new paragraph.

A number of paragraphs are needed to produce a piece of writing. All the paragraphs should relate to the whole topic.

### Parts of a paragraph:

**First sentence** – this contains the main idea

**Supporting sentences** – these give further detail about the main idea

**Concluding sentence** – this sums up the main idea of the paragraph

### Example:

On the topic *planets*, two paragraphs could be:

Paragraph 1 – first idea

**Jupiter is the largest planet of all and has the largest moon. Jupiter is made up of the same gases as the sun and is completely covered in clouds. There is no life on Jupiter.**

Paragraph 2 – second idea

**Mercury is a small planet that is made up of rock. Its sky is black and it is the closest planet to the sun. It is far too hot to support plant and animal life.**