Paragraph Frame Worksheet: Topic Sentence, Supporting Details, Conclusion

Original tasks 1, 2, 3, 4 / complete keys

Task 1

Write a topic sentence for a paragraph explaining why a bicycle is useful for short trips.

Answer: A bicycle is useful for short trips because it is quick, inexpensive, and easy to park.

Reason: The sentence names the subject and gives three supportable reasons that fit the frame.

Check: Check that the sentence makes one claim and that three distinct details could support it.

Task 2

A student writes the topic sentence 'Dogs are good pets' and details about feeding, walking, and a favorite movie. Which detail does not fit, and how would you fix it?

Answer: The favorite-movie detail does not fit. Replace it with a detail about dogs, such as training or companionship.

Reason: Supporting details must connect to the topic sentence. A movie detail supports a different topic.

Check: Read each detail against the topic sentence and remove or replace any that does not support it.

Task 3

Write a conclusion line for a paragraph whose topic sentence is 'Reading before bed helps me relax.'

Answer: A few quiet pages at night help me slow down and sleep more easily.

Reason: The conclusion restates the main point in fresh words and connects to the details about relaxing.

Check: Confirm the conclusion matches the topic sentence and does not introduce a new main idea.

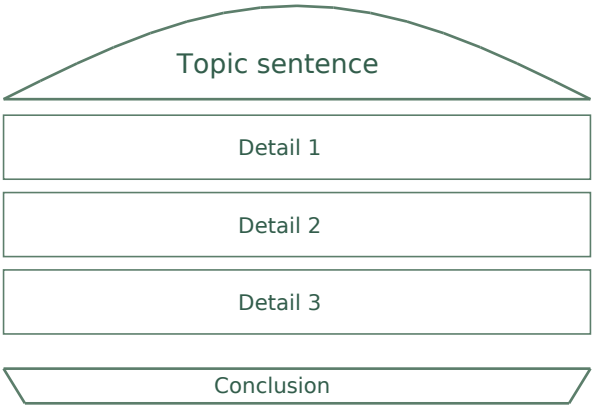
Task 4

Sketch a hamburger-paragraph diagram for a paragraph about preparing for a rainy day. Label the top bun, filling, and bottom bun.

Answer: Top bun: Preparing for a rainy day takes a few simple steps. Filling: check the forecast, carry an umbrella, wear waterproof shoes. Bottom bun: These small preparations keep the day comfortable.

Reason: The diagram maps the opening, middle, and closing to the paragraph structure. Multiple valid sketches are acceptable.

Check: Use the rubric: the top bun states one main point, the filling lists distinct supporting details, and the bottom bun closes the paragraph.



Top bun = opening; filling = support; bottom bun = closing. Three details are this scaffold, not a fixed paragraph rule.

One valid rainy-day model: opening - Preparing for rain takes a few simple steps. Details - check the forecast; carry an umbrella; wear waterproof shoes. Closing - These preparations keep the day comfortable.

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Source rubric / reflection

- [ ] Topic sentence states one clear main point.
- [ ] Each supporting detail connects to the topic sentence and adds a distinct example, reason, or piece of evidence.
- [ ] Details are ordered logically and transitions make the order clear.
- [ ] Conclusion closes the paragraph and matches the topic sentence without word-for-word repetition.
- [ ] Sentences are complete and mechanics are correct enough that meaning is clear.

Reflection: What did you check, what did you change, and what will you try next?