

The Paragraph Bakery

Grammar, Sentence Structure & Paragraph Structure

Name: _____ Date: _____

Circle the best answer for 1 and 2. Answer 3 in complete sentences.

1. Which sentence usually states the main idea of a paragraph?

- (A) The topic sentence
- (B) The concluding sentence
- (C) A transition
- (D) An example

2. Which transition shows contrast?

- (A) For example
- (B) In addition
- (C) However
- (D) First

Read: Student paragraph: "Dogs are the best pets. They are loyal they protect their families. For example, my dog barks when strangers come to the door. Cats sleep a lot. In conclusion, dogs are great pets."

3. Is this a well-structured paragraph? Identify one strength and one problem, and use evidence from the paragraph.

Use RACE: Restate, Answer, Cite, Explain.

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Total: 5 points. Mastery: 4 or more.

#	Answer	Points
1	(A) The topic sentence	1 point
2	(C) However	1 point
3	Restate: The student's paragraph about dogs has a clear structure but needs two fixes. Answer: Its strength is a clear topic sentence and conclusion; its problems are a run-on sentence and an off-topic detail. Cite: It begins, "Dogs are the best pets," and ends, "In conclusion, dogs are great pets," but it includes "They are loyal they protect their families" and "Cats sleep a lot." Explain: The topic and concluding sentences frame one main idea, but the run-on needs punctuation ("They are loyal, and they protect their families"), and the sentence about cats should be removed because it does not support the main idea.	3 points: Names a strength (topic or concluding sentence); Identifies the run-on or off-topic sentence; Quotes the paragraph.