

## Writing a Good Paragraph

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

### Thesis statement

The thesis statement is a sentence that links the subject of the paragraph with your idea about the subject. The thesis statement will be the first sentence of the paragraph. It is important to differentiate between the **subject** and the thesis idea. The thesis idea is your thought or point of view about the subject.

The formula for a thesis statement is:

<b>Subject of the paragraph</b> + Thesis idea (your idea about the subject) = <b>Thesis Statement</b>
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Example:

**Subject of the paragraph: Asthma**

Thesis idea: People with Asthma can lead a normal life.

**Thesis Statement: There are several ways that a person suffering from asthma can overcome the condition and lead a normal life.**

### Supporting/Example sentences

Every one of these sentences should relate directly to the topic sentence of the paragraph and *provide specific details or examples to develop the thesis idea in that paragraph*. One way to stay focused on this task is to effectively use transition words: for example, also, in addition, furthermore, moreover, for instance, however, therefore, such as, while, although, because, when, until, if etc.

Example:

When seeking treatment from a medical professional, a person can receive frequent checkups and regular adjustments to medications that can drastically reduce their symptoms. For example, many asthma patients use an inhaler. By meeting with a doctor regularly, inhaler use can be adjusted to maintain healthy oxygen levels in patients.