

Paragraphs:

How to help proof my child's paragraph. I just want to let you know what we are working towards when we write paragraphs in my room. This is an explanation and some examples for their persuasive paragraph, but it also is very similar for other paragraphs they will be writing. Keep this in a safe place to use as a reference for all writing.

**Topic sentence:** Must be broad. Must state what the paragraph will be about without using the word because. Example: **Parents should not be fined for their child bullying another child.** Don't put any reason why in the topic sentence.

**Detailed sentences:** We are working on having more details. They list a reason and then give another sentence to explain it more. Example: **Parents cannot be with their children all of the time. If their child bullies someone and they are not there to see it, they can't really correct them or reprimand them.**

Notice the second sentence is a reinforcement of my first reason.

They need 3 reasons and each one needs another sentence to reinforce it.

**Closing Sentence:** This is just a last final thought about their topic. It is a restated topic sentence basically. What they **CANNOT** have is: **These are..., or This is.... or Now you know..... They cannot use the word YOU.** My point is they are not talking to someone. They are stating their reasons.

So an example of a good ending for their persuasive paragraph would be: **Parents should not be fined. Their kids have to take some responsibility.**

Please check for spelling by maybe saying, "There is a spelling mistake in line 3. Can you find it?"

Check for complete sentences also. Again maybe say "This is not a complete sentence. Can you think of a way to make it complete?"

Good Luck and thank you!