



Use of English Text Structure Unit 1-5

Students learn how paragraphs are structured and developed, which helps with their own writing as well as with their understanding of texts.

Objective: Topic sentences and paragraph content

The **opening sentence** of a paragraph is usually a **topic sentence**, which acts as a signpost to tell the reader what the paragraph will be about. The golden rule is **one topic per paragraph**.

Task: Read the paragraph below. Some sentences should not be included because they do not cover the topic indicated in the topic sentence. Use a ruler to ~~score~~ them out neatly.

The North York Moors are a walker's paradise. There are lengthy waymarked walks (such as the Cleveland Way) as well as pleasant local circuits for an afternoon stroll. In the many attractive villages, holidaymakers will be made welcome in inns, shops and cafés. After a stiff climb, the rambler will often be rewarded by a stunning view over glorious countryside. Imagine eating your picnic on a hilltop with birdsong and the scent of heather filling the air around you. The moors are easily accessible by car or public transport from all parts of the country. Any local tourist office can provide maps of the area and excellent guides for walkers. Historic sites such as Rievaulx Abbey and Helmsley Castle are well worth a visit. Over on the coast, tourists flock to Whitby, which has associations with Captain Cook (as well as Dracula!) and is famous for its fish and chips. So get your walking boots on!



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