### Unit 1

#### **Writing Process**

**Unit Goal** 

Writing a paragraph using the writing process

**Key Points** 

Brainstorming, Outlining, Drafting,

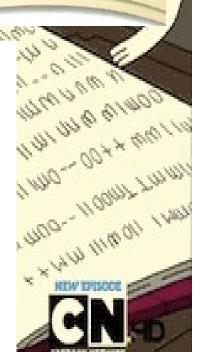
Revising, Editing

#### Jose and the Sailboat

Jose has a small sailboat with a white sail. He lives on a lake and likes to sail often. Many times he sees fish and other animals. Sometimes Jose's brother goes with him in the boat.

One day they sailed to the far side of the lake. There they saw a large alligator sleeping in the sun. The alligator awoke and began to swim to the boat. The wind did not blow and the boat would not move.

The boys started to worry and get scared. Soon they saw their dad come across the lake. He was in a speedboat and scared the alligator away. The boys never went to that part of the lake again.



# What is a paragraph?

A paragraph is a group of sentences that talk about one topic. It has a topic sentence, body sentences and a closing sentence. In a paragraph, you can describe, explain, give your opinion, or tell a story about the topic.

# <u>BRAINSTORMING</u>

- Write down ideas about the topic.

### For example:

like cold weather and snow

like wearing scarf and gloves grandma made

my favorite season:

winter

ice skating, snowmen, snowball fights

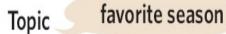
like wearing scarf and gloves grandma made

great holidays:
Christmas,
New Year's Day

### OUTLINING

- Organize/ arrange your ideas.

### For example:



- winter

#### Body

Why favorite season? weather? activities?

- like cold weather and snow
- like wearing scarf and gloves grandma made for me
- go ice skating, make snowmen, have snowball fights
- great holidays: Christmas, New Year's Day

Closing thoughts or feelings

- best of all seasons

### DRAFTING

- Write sentences and paragraphs about your ideas..

### For example:



Draft

#### My Favorite Season

My favorite season is winter. I like the cold weather. I like wearing the scarf and gloves that my grandma made for me. There are lots of fun things to do. On weekends, I like to go ice skating with my friends. We make snowmen and have snowball fights. Winter has great holidays. I don't like summer because it is too hot. I think winter is the best.

### REVISING

- Read again and improve what you have written.

### For example:



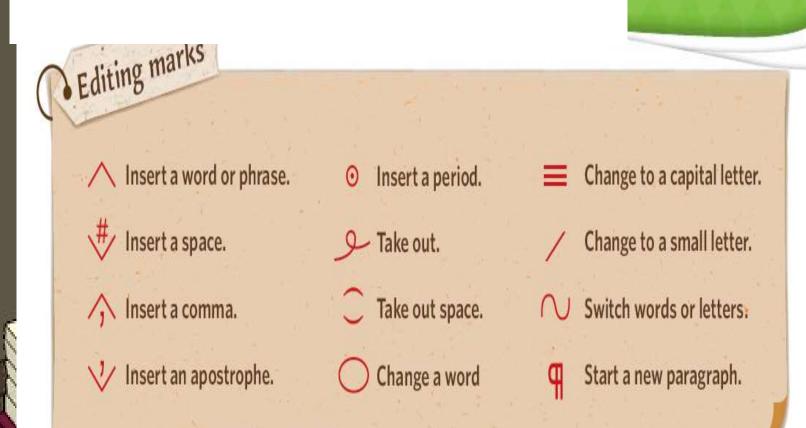
#### My Favorite Season

My favorite season is winter. I like the cold weather. When it is cold, I like wearing the scarf and gloves that my grandma made for me. In the winter, there are lots of fun things to do. On weekends, I like to go ice skating with my friends. When it snows, we make snowmen and have snowball fights. Winter has great holidays, too. My favorite holidays are Christmas and New Year's Day because I get presents. I think winter is the best of all the seasons.

### **EDITING**

- Check grammar, capitalization, punctuation and spelling mistakes.

### For example:



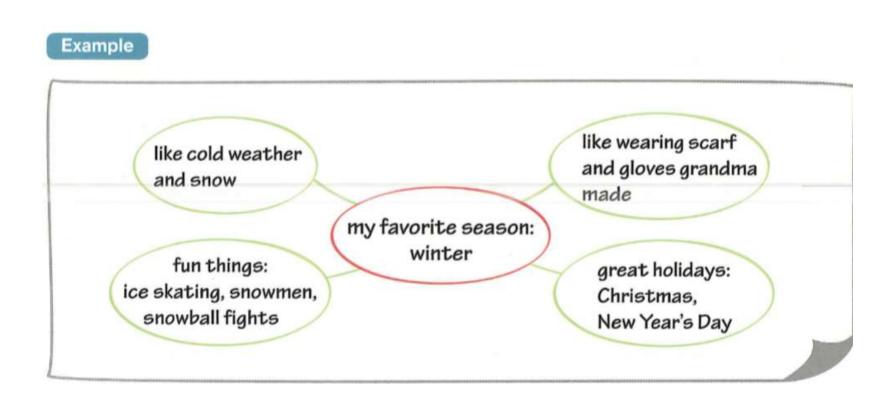
#### **Brainstorming**

#### Brainstorming Step

Think about the topic. 
Write down any words or ideas that you can think of.

Cross out bad ideas and add details if you need to.

### Brainstorm Example



### Let's do one together

like cool weather like wearing sweatshirt and jeans

my favorite season: Fall

fun things: pumpkin carving, trick or treating

Great holidays: Halloween, Mid Autumn Festival

### Now it's your turn!





#### Outlining Step

Organize your ideas ⇒

Decide what goes in the topic, body, and closing sentences.

You don't need to write complete sentences.



like cold weather and snow

like wearing scarf and gloves grandma made

my favorite season: winter

ice skating, snowmen, snowball fights

like wearing scarf and gloves grandma made

great holidays: Christmas, New Year's Day

#### Example

Topic favorite season

- winter

**Body** 

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- go ice skating, make snowmen, have snowball fights
- great holidays: Christmas, New Year's Day

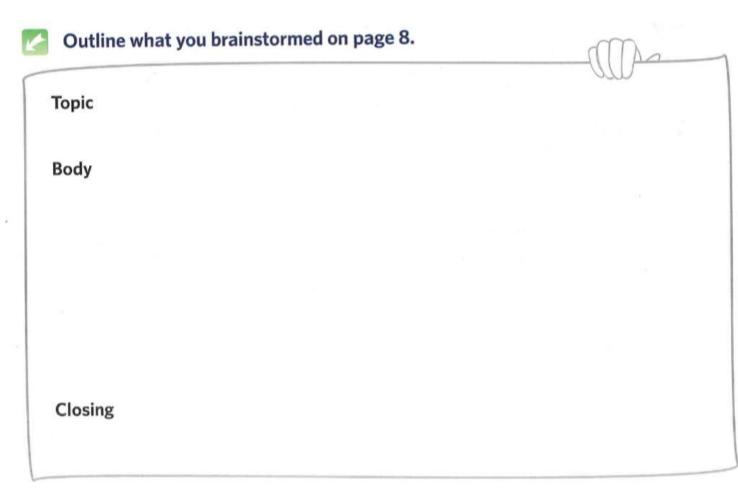
Closing thoughts or feelings

- best of all seasons

### Closings

Best of all seasons
The greatest season
My favorite season of all time

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#### **Drafting**

#### Drafting Step

Write the ideas from your outline into complete sentences and a paragraph. Don't worry about making it perfect.

## Let's see how we go from the outline to the draft



#### Draft

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### Topic

#### favorite season

- winter

#### Title

My Favorite Season

### Topic Sentence

My favorite season is winter.

- like cold weather and snow

Body

- like wearing scarf and gloves grandma made for me
- go ice skating, make snowmen, have snowball fights
- great holidays: Christmas, New Year's Day

# body sentence 1 I like the cold weather and snow.

- like cold weather and snow

Body

- like wearing scarf and gloves grandma made for me
- go ice skating, make snowmen, have snowball fights
- great holidays: Christmas, New Year's Day

### body sentence 2

I like wearing the scarf and gloves that my grandma made for me.

### Body

- like cold weather and snow
- like wearing scarf and gloves grandma made for me
- go ice skating, make snowmen, have snowball fights
- great holidays: Christmas, New Year's Day

### body sentence 3

I like to go ice skating, make snowmen and have snowball fights.

- like cold weather and snow

Body

- like wearing scarf and gloves grandma made for me
- go ice skating, make snowmen, have snowball fights
- great holidays: Christmas, New Year's Day

### body sentence 4

Winter has some great holidays too. Christmas and New Year's Day are the best.

# Put it all together and we get this

Example

Draft

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