

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.

NEW EPISODE



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.

BRAINSTORMING

- Write down
ideas about the
topic.

For example:



OUTLINING

- Organize/
arrange your
ideas.

For example:

Topic

favorite season

- 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:

Revision

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:

Editing marks

^ Insert a word or phrase.

⦿ Insert a period.

≡ Change to a capital letter.

Insert a space.

ℓ Take out.

/ Change to a small letter.

^, Insert a comma.

⊂ Take out space.

~ Switch words or letters.

^' Insert an apostrophe.

○ Change a word

¶ Start a new paragraph.

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

Example



Let's do one together



Now it's your turn!



Brainstorm about your favorite season.



Outlining

- **Outlining Step**

Organize your ideas → Decide what goes in the topic, body, and closing sentences.
You don't need to write complete sentences.

Example



Example

Topic favorite season
- 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

Closings

Best of all seasons

The greatest season

My favorite season of all time

Now it's your turn!



Outline what you brainstormed on page 8.



Topic

Body

Closing

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

Example

- Topic** favorite season
- winter
- Body** Why favorite season? weather? activities?
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- Closing** thoughts or feelings
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Example

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Topic favorite season

- winter

Title

My Favorite Season

Topic Sentence

My favorite season is winter.

Body Why favorite season? weather? activities?

- like cold weather and snow
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- 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.

Body Why favorite season? weather? activities?

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- 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 Why favorite season? weather? activities?

- like cold weather and snow
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- great holidays: Christmas, New Year's Day

body sentence 3

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

Body Why favorite season? weather? activities?

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- 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

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Draft

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Write a draft from the outline you made on page 9.

A rectangular piece of cream-colored paper with a perforated left edge, featuring ten horizontal lines for writing.

