

Stratograms

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Harness the Power of Paragraph Writing

Paragraph Writing Strategy

Stage 1—Pretest and Make Commitments

Stage 2—Describe **Topic Sentences**-names the main idea, gives a clue about the details, or names the specific details to be covered

Stage 3—Model **Topic Sentences**

Stage 4—Verbal Practice **Topic Sentences**

Stage 5—Controlled Practice and Feedback **Topic Sentences**

Repeat stages 2-5 **Detail Sentences**-provides more information about the detail

Repeat stages 2-5 **Clincher Sentences**-summarizes or names detail, but is different from the topic sentence

Repeat stages 2-5 **Whole Paragraphs**-sequential paragraph, descriptive paragraph, expository paragraph, compare or contrast paragraph

Stage 7—Posttest

Stage 8—Generalization



Steps for Writing a Sentence

Step 1: **P**ick a sentence type and a formula

Step 2: **E**xplore words to fit

Step 3: **N**ote the words.

Step 4: **S**earch and check

Steps for Writing a Paragraph

Step 1: **S**et up a diagram

Step 2: **C**reate the title.

Step 3: **R**eveal the topic

Step 4: **I**ron out the details

Step 5: **B**ind it together with a clincher

Step 6: **E**dit your work.