

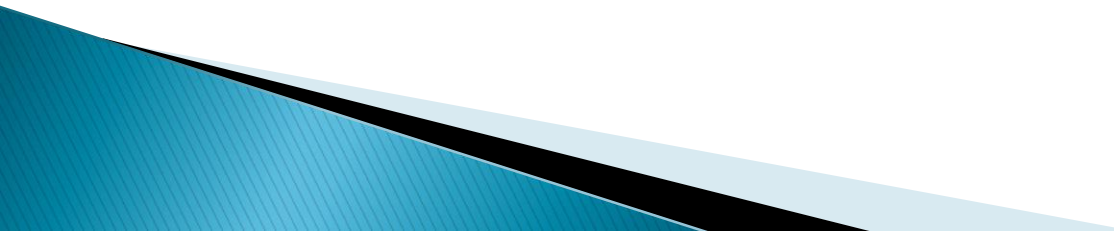
L.O. To use paragraphs to organise writing

Day 3

Starter

- ▶ Change these sentences to **present continuous** tense:
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- 2. The dog raced through the tall grass.
- 3. The class learnt how to play the ukulele.
- 4. Annie and the horseman rode through the storm to get help.

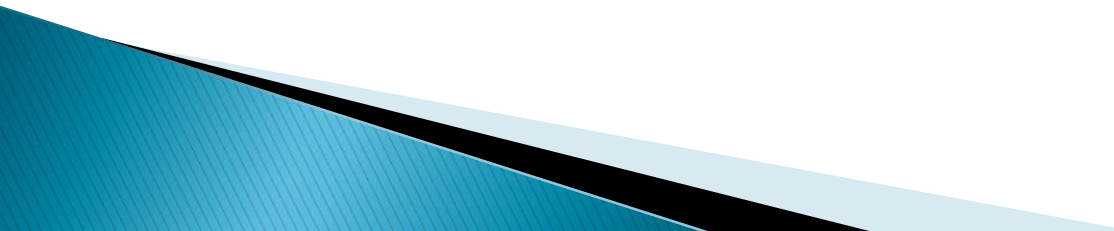
Answer

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What is a paragraph?

- ▶ A distinct section of a piece of writing, usually dealing with a single theme or idea.

Why do we use paragraphs?

- ▶ To organise our writing.
 - ▶ To make our writing easier to read and understand.
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When do you start a new paragraph?

Topic

Time

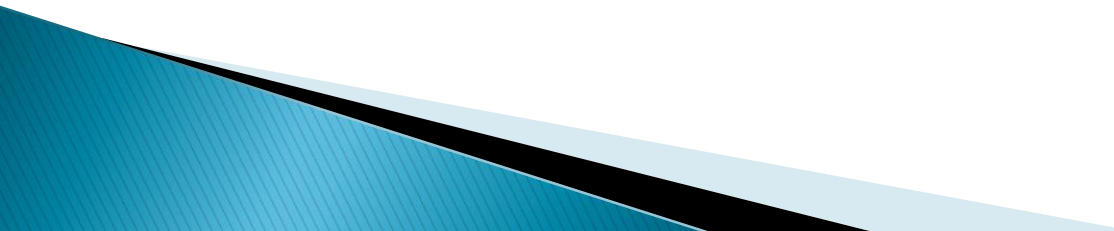
Speaker

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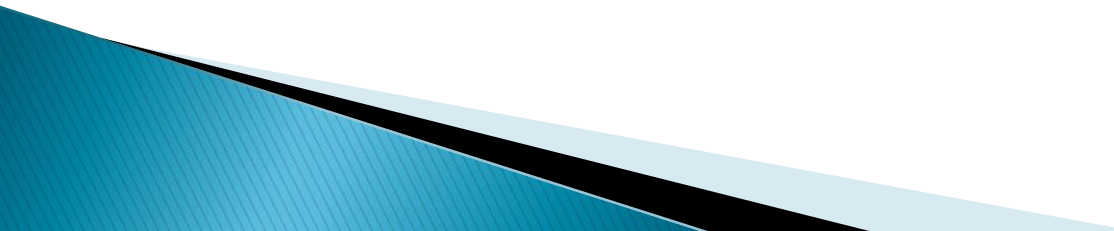
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Place

Person



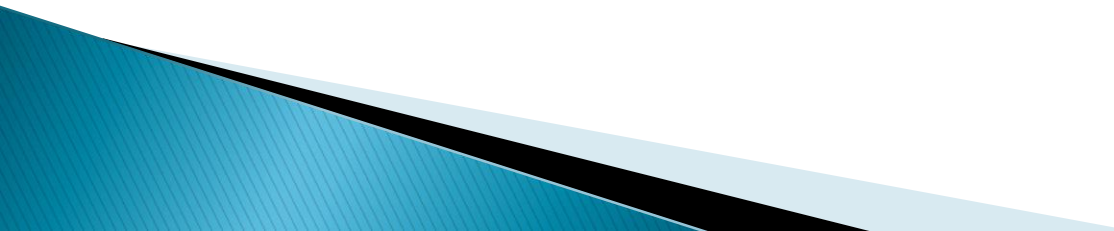
Topic (subject)

- ▶ However, in History lessons ...
 - ▶ On the other hand, at a wedding ..
 - ▶ We use this mostly when we are writing non-fiction.
 - ▶ In fiction it might be a change of mood or theme or when something new happens.
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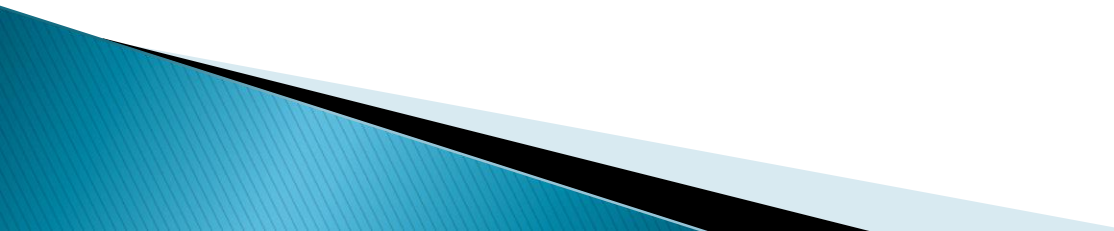
Place (changing location or introducing a new location)

- ▶ There was an old house..
- ▶ Suddenly we saw a huge cavern..
- ▶ We went to the shops ...

Time

- ▶ Later that day...
 - ▶ On Saturday...
 - ▶ Five minutes later...
 - ▶ Last month..
 - ▶ Finally....
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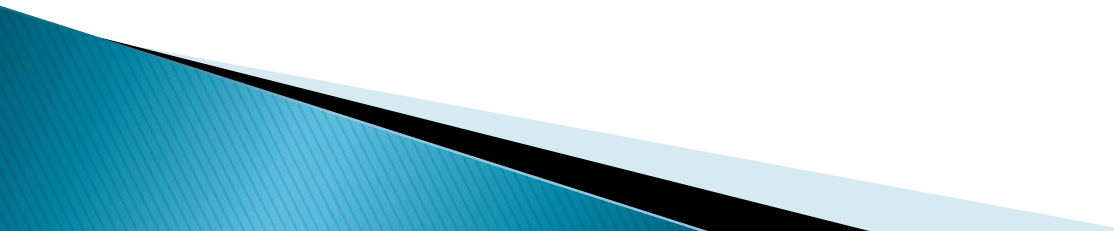
Person (introducing a new character or changing viewpoint)

- ▶ Sophie found...
 - ▶ My mum called....
 - ▶ A strange bird...
 - ▶ Everyone else
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Speaker

- ▶ “We must leave now!”, said
- ▶ Brett shouted, “Quick....
- ▶ “Woof, woof!” barked

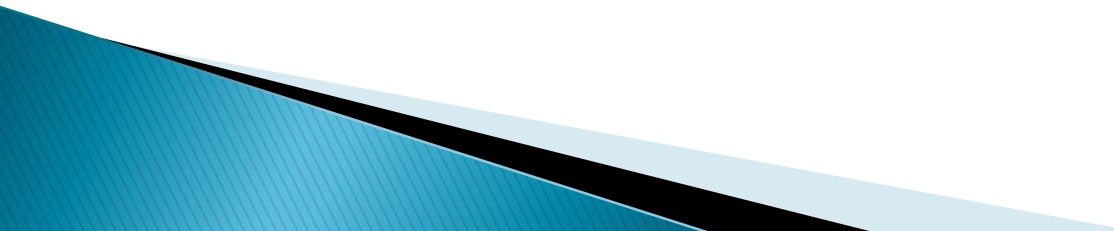
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 5. The stadium was packed with football fans.
 6. Evening came and it began to rain heavily.
 7. “I can’t believe you did that!” shouted Natalie.
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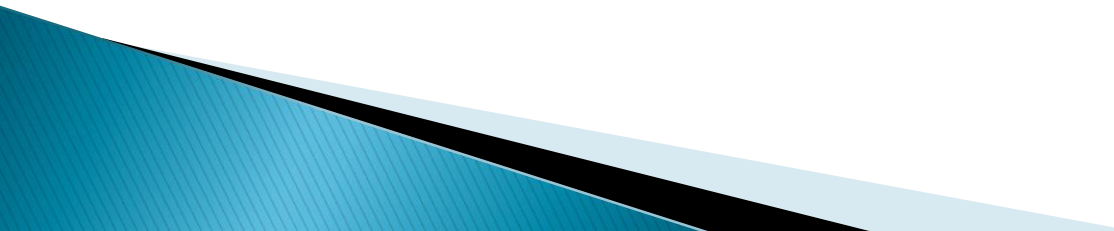
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Task

- ▶ Read the text and identify where each paragraph should begin.
 - ▶ Use // to show the paragraph breaks.
 - ▶ Challenge: Use a key to show why you have started each new paragraph.
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TASK

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