

English 10.2.21

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TBQ: Can I draft an information text about Darwin and Evolution by using presentational devices to guide the reader?

Presentational devices means subheadings, colon and bullet points and paragraphs.

Today you will write your information text using your plan. The focus is on learning to write **well-structured paragraphs**.

You should complete the table below for each of your paragraphs. You may find it tricky, but just have a go and do your best.

Here is an overview of what needs to be included. **Watch the video below** modelling how to write a paragraph using the grid. There is also a completed example for you.

Components of the Perfect Paragraph Structure		
1	Topic Sentence	Clear, relevant, and broad sentence with controlling idea/blueprint for the paragraph.
2	Support Sentences	<p>Step 1: Explains topic sentence/adds more detail.</p> <p>Step 2: Uses textual "evidence" that supports and develops the topic sentence using concrete details.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facts, details, examples, reasons • Analysis or arguments • Direct quotes, paraphrased info from sources • Statistics, data from research • Personal experience, anecdotes, stories
3	Concluding Sentence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explains the significance of supporting information. • Unifies all paragraph info to answer "so what?" • Synthesizes paragraph content with topic sentence and thesis statement.

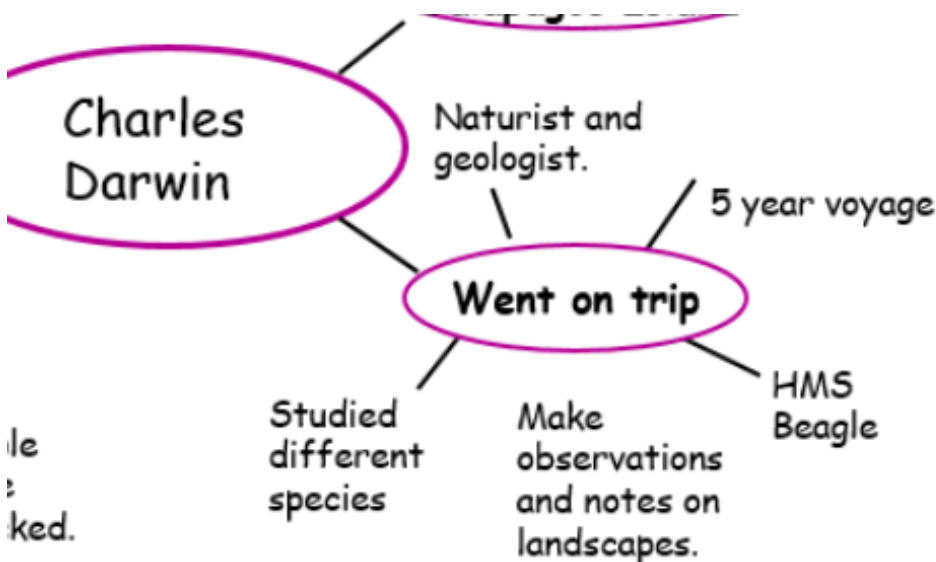
Watch the video of Miss Hulley modelling how to write a paragraph using the blank grid.

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Here is my example of my completed paragraph grid. I used **one section/leg of my spidergram** and **carefully considered the information and writing skills** I wanted to include:

The Section of the Spidergram that I wrote about:



Components of the Perfect Paragraph Structure		
1	Topic Sentence	Charles Darwin had always been interested in nature and was lucky enough to receive a fantastic opportunity when he was 22 years old .
2	Support Sentences	<p>He was recommended by a friend and employed as an amateur geologist to accompany Captain Fitzroy on a five year voyage to the coast of South America. Once there, he was to observe and make notes on the landscapes and different species he found.</p> <p>This was an ideal opportunity for Charles Darwin, who had a natural curiosity of beetles, always busying himself studying the creatures.</p>
3	Concluding Sentence	On December 1831, the HMS Beagle was boarded by the crew and Charles Darwin; they set off on their voyage of discovery.

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Before you start writing, let's reflect on the features of an information text:

Information Text Features

- Introduction
- Conclusion
- Heading
- Subheadings used to group information
- Factual not opinionated
- Diagram
- Present tense verbs, unless historial
- Technical vocabulary/
subject specific vocabulary
- Impersonal/formal tone
(third person, use of passive voice)

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Now write your paragraphs using the grid format. You can add text boxes to complete the table. The boxes are within the assignment:

English Information Text about Charles Darwin. You should complete your writing on that page.

Each paragraph within your information text will start with topic sentence.

You must:

- Write to a year 6 standard.
- Think carefully about how to present your writing so that it looks like an information text.
- Use a main heading and subheadings for each section.