



# University Centre Abdelhafid Boussouf E-learning Centre



## English – Level 3

### – Lesson 9 – Types of Paragraphs

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### **Objectives of the Lesson**

- To introduce you to the different types of paragraphs you may come across.
- To indicate the characteristics of each type, so you can distinguish between them when reading or writing.

## **Types of Paragraphs:**

There are five main types of paragraphs that are commonly used for the sake of describing, narrating, persuading, explain or illustrating a given idea. The following table introduces the five types.

<b>Paragraph Types</b>	<b>Definition</b>	<b>Characteristics</b>
<b>Descriptive</b>	It describes a thing, a person or a place in a given setting.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-The use of nouns, adjectives and adverbs.</li> <li>-The use of state verbs.</li> <li>-The use of present and past tenses.</li> </ul>
<b>Narrative</b>	It tells or narrates a specific event.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-The sequence of events using sequencing adverbs.</li> <li>-The use of dynamic verbs.</li> <li>-The use of modal verbs.</li> <li>-The use of past tenses.</li> </ul>
<b>Expository</b>	It generally explains a procedure or gives instructions about a pre-denoted topic.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-The use of dynamic verbs.</li> <li>The sequence of events.</li> <li>-The use of definitions, explanations, facts and lists.</li> <li>-The use of present or imperative tenses.</li> </ul>
<b>Persuasive</b>	It exposes the reader to a specific idea or point of view	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-The use of arguments, facts and data.</li> </ul>

	<b>and backs it up with arguments.</b>	<b>-The use of conditionals.</b> <b>-The sequence of events.</b>
<b>Illustrative</b>	<b>It explains an idea using examples.</b>	<b>-The excessive use of examples.</b> <b>-The logical order of ideas.</b> <b>-The use of present tenses.</b>

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