**What’s a parahraph ?**

It a basic unit of organization in writing in which a group of related sentences develops one main idea. A paragraph can be short as two sentences or as long as ten sentences. The number of sentences is important; however, the paragraph should be long enough to develop the main idea clearly.

A paragraph has three major parts: a topic sentence, supporting sentences, and a concluding sentence. The topic sentence states the main idea of the paragraph. It does not name the topic only, but it also limits the topic to one or two areas that can be discussed in the space of a single paragraph.

**Eg:** Gold is prized for two important reasons.

 **Topic** **controlling idea**

Supporting sentences develop the topic sentence. They explain the topic by giving reasons, examples, facts, statistics, and quotations.

 Some supporting sentences are:

 **Eg**: - Some of all, gold has a lustrous beauty that is resistant to corrosion.

- Another important characteristic of gold is its usefulness to industry and science.

 - The most recent use of gold is astronauts suits.

 The concluding sentence signals the end of the paragraph and leaves the reader with important points to remember.