

# Steps for Writing a Narrative Paragraph

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## Prewriting

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1. Ask yourself, “What do I need or want to write about? What do I already know about the topic? What do I need to find out?”
2. Make a list of your ideas.
3. Write your main idea.
4. Collect details that tell more about the main idea.
5. List the details in the order that you will write about them.

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## Writing

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6. Begin with a sentence that tells about your topic. The topic sentence should contain the main idea of the paragraph.
7. Write about your topic, using your list of details.
8. End with a strong closing sentence. You may want to restate your main idea in the closing sentence.

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## Revising

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9. Check your work for the following:
  - a clear main idea
  - relevant details
  - writing that has a logical order and makes sense
  - specific, descriptive words
  - complete, clear sentences

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## Editing

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10. Check your work for correct spelling, capitalization, and punctuation.

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## Publishing

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11. Write the final copy of your work.