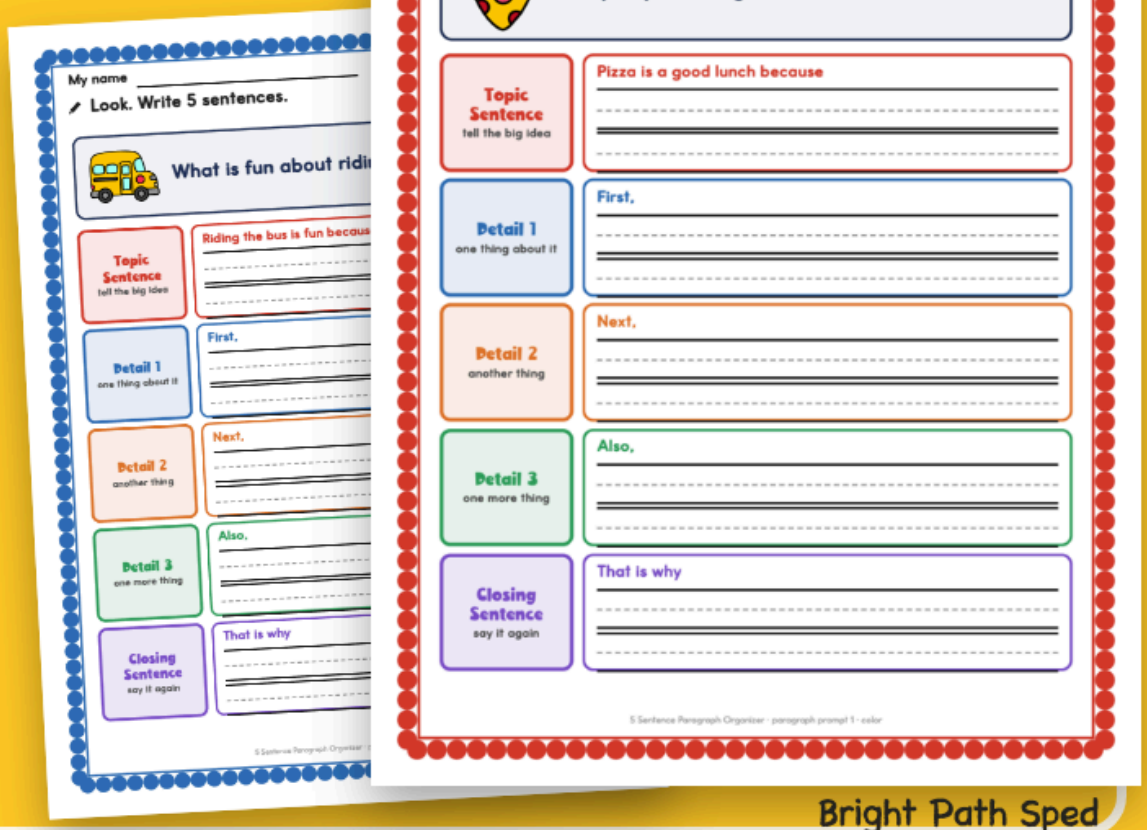
5 SENTENCE PARAGRAPH GRAPHIC ORGANIZER



OUTLINE + WRITING
GRADES 2-3

8 PROMPTS

COLOR + INK SAVER



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Start Here

5 Sentence Paragraph Graphic Organizer: outline and writing pages, grades 2-3

Quick start

1. Read the finished paragraph (page 3) together.
2. Hand out organizer A, B or C at each child's level (pages 4–6).
3. Use a prompt page for practice, then the draft page and the checklist.

What's inside

Activity	Pages	Level
A finished paragraph to read first, with the five boxes colored	3	–
Paragraph organizer A: topic sentence, 3 detail boxes and closing sentence, with starters printed	4	●
Paragraph organizer B: the same boxes, labels only	5	■
Paragraph organizer C: pick your own topic, jot words, then write	6	▲
Start-your-sentence word strip: 16 words and phrases	7	●
8 picture-prompt paragraph pages: starters on the first 3, labels only on the rest	8–15	● ■
Draft to final: write, fix, copy it neat	16	■
Check my paragraph: 6-item revise checklist	17	■
Ink-saver, black-and-white copies of every student page above	18–32	line art
Answer key: a sample paragraph for each prompt	33	–

How to use it

- The five colored boxes are the five sentences: Topic Sentence (the big idea), Detail 1, Detail 2, Detail 3 and Closing Sentence (say it again). The colors repeat on every page.
- Three levels, marked with a small shape: ● **starting** – sentence starters are printed in the rows; ■ **building** – labels only; ▲ **ready for more** – own topic and a jot box.
- Read page 3 aloud and have children point to each sentence in its box before they write.
- Children can write all five sentences in one go, or plan with words first and write full sentences after.
- Finish with the draft page (16) and the checklist (17). Print in color, or use the ink-saver copies on pages 18–32.

Good to know

Every paragraph in this pack is invented. The pages give children a plan to follow; your class's own writing routines and your district's expectations come first.

Our class sentence starters: _____

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Look at the finished paragraph.



My Backpack

A finished 5 sentence paragraph

Topic Sentence tell the big idea	My backpack is the best thing I take to school.
Detail 1 one thing about it	**First**, it has a big zipper pocket for my lunch.
Detail 2 another thing	**Next**, the side pocket holds my water bottle.
Detail 3 one more thing	**Also**, the straps are soft, so it does not hurt my back.
Closing Sentence say it again	**That is why** I love my backpack.

Now read it as one paragraph

My backpack is the best thing I take to school. **First**, it has a big zipper pocket for my lunch. **Next**, the side pocket holds my water bottle. **Also**, the straps are soft, so it does not hurt my back. **That is why** I love my backpack.

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Plan it. Write it.

Topic Sentence
tell the big idea

Detail 1
one thing about it

Detail 2
another thing

Detail 3
one more thing

Closing Sentence
say it again

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Read the words. Use them.

Start the topic sentence

I like | My favorite | Did you know | I can

Start a detail

First, | To begin, | One reason is | One thing is

Keep going

Next, | Then, | Also, | Another reason is

Finish

Last, | Finally, | That is why | In the end,

Try it. Pick a word and write a sentence.

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Look. Write 5 sentences.



What is fun about riding the bus?

Topic Sentence
tell the big idea

Riding the bus is fun because

Detail 1
one thing about it

First,

Detail 2
another thing

Next,

Detail 3
one more thing

Also,

Closing Sentence
say it again

That is why

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Look. Write 5 sentences.



What makes a birthday cake special?

Topic Sentence
tell the big idea

Detail 1
one thing about it

Detail 2
another thing

Detail 3
one more thing

Closing Sentence
say it again

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Look. Write 5 sentences.



Why is a drum fun to play?

Topic Sentence
tell the big idea

Detail 1
one thing about it

Detail 2
another thing

Detail 3
one more thing

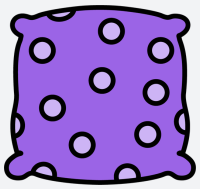
Closing Sentence
say it again

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Look. Write 5 sentences.



Why is a pillow useful?

Topic Sentence
tell the big idea

Detail 1
one thing about it

Detail 2
another thing

Detail 3
one more thing

Closing Sentence
say it again

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Check your paragraph.

- ☐ I started with a topic sentence. — Topic
- ☐ I wrote three details. — Details
- ☐ I used a word like First, Next or Also. — Words
- ☐ I wrote a closing sentence. — Closing
- ☐ Every sentence starts with a capital letter. — Capital
- ☐ Every sentence ends with . ! or ? — End

One thing I will fix:

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Write a sentence in each box.

Topic Sentence tell the big idea	My topic is _____ .
Detail 1 one thing about it	First,
Detail 2 another thing	Next,
Detail 3 one more thing	Also,
Closing Sentence say it again	That is why

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Pick a topic. Plan and write.

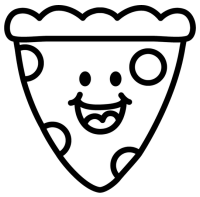
My topic: _____

Topic Sentence tell the big idea	words or a picture	
Detail 1 one thing about it	words or a picture	
Detail 2 another thing	words or a picture	
Detail 3 one more thing	words or a picture	
Closing Sentence say it again	words or a picture	

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Look. Write 5 sentences.



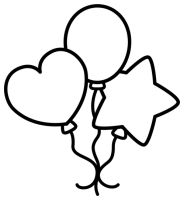
Why is pizza a good lunch?

Topic Sentence tell the big idea	Pizza is a good lunch because
Detail 1 one thing about it	First,
Detail 2 another thing	Next,
Detail 3 one more thing	Also,
Closing Sentence say it again	That is why

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My name _____

Look. Write 5 sentences.



Why is a balloon fun to have?

Topic Sentence tell the big idea	A balloon is fun to have because
Detail 1 one thing about it	First,
Detail 2 another thing	Next,
Detail 3 one more thing	Also,
Closing Sentence say it again	That is why

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Look. Write 5 sentences.



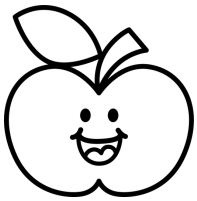
Why is a tent fun to sleep in?

Topic Sentence tell the big idea	
Detail 1 one thing about it	
Detail 2 another thing	
Detail 3 one more thing	
Closing Sentence say it again	

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Look. Write 5 sentences.



Why is an apple a good snack?

Topic Sentence tell the big idea	
Detail 1 one thing about it	
Detail 2 another thing	
Detail 3 one more thing	
Closing Sentence say it again	

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Write it. Fix it. Copy it neat.

My Draft



My Final Paragraph

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Answer Key

The finished paragraph

Page 3, My Backpack: My backpack is the best thing I take to school. First, it has a big zipper pocket for my lunch. Next, the side pocket holds my water bottle. Also, the straps are soft, so it does not hurt my back. That is why I love my backpack.

Sample paragraphs for the prompt pages

Page 8. Why is pizza a good lunch? Pizza is a good lunch because it tastes so good. First, the cheese is warm and stretchy. Next, I can eat it with my hands. Also, I get to pick the toppings. That is why pizza is my favorite lunch.

Page 9. What is fun about riding the bus? Riding the bus is fun because I get to sit with my friends. First, we sing songs on the way. Next, I can look out the big windows. Also, the seats bounce on bumpy roads. That is why I like the bus ride.

Page 10. Why is a balloon fun to have? A balloon is fun to have because there are so many things to do with it. First, I can tap it up in the air. Next, it floats when it is full of air. Also, it comes in my favorite colors. That is why I love balloons.

Page 11. What makes a birthday cake special? A birthday cake is special because it is only for birthdays. First, it has candles to blow out. Next, everyone sings a song while it is lit. Also, the frosting is sweet and colorful. That is why a birthday cake is special.

Page 12. Why is a tent fun to sleep in? A tent is a fun place to sleep. First, it feels like a tiny house. Next, I can hear the rain on the roof. Also, my sleeping bag is warm and cozy. That is why I like sleeping in a tent.

Page 13. Why is a drum fun to play? A drum is very fun to play. First, it makes a loud boom. Next, I can tap fast or slow. Also, I can play along with a song. That is why I like my drum.

Page 14. Why is an apple a good snack? An apple is a good snack for many reasons. First, it is sweet and crunchy. Next, it is easy to carry in my bag. Also, it keeps me full until dinner. That is why I pick an apple for a snack.

Page 15. Why is a pillow useful? A pillow is useful in many ways. First, it makes my bed soft. Next, I can lean on it when I read. Also, I can build a fort with it. That is why a pillow is useful.

Notes

- Pages 4–6, 16: answers are the child's own; look for five sentences, one in each box.
- Samples are one way to answer. Accept any honest reason in the child's own words.

Every paragraph is invented. Your own class examples come first.

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