# L04: Paragraphs and markers

In this session, we will first look at the building blocks of academic texts: paragraphs. What is a paragraph? How can I write good paragraphs? What is a topic sentence? How can I connect paragraph to paragraph and/or ideas and sentences within a paragraph? Which are common discourse markers and what do they mean?

## Things we cover in this session

- Structure of paragraphs
- Topic sentences
- Identifying discourse markers and how to use them

## Things you need for this session

- W04-1: Paragraphs
- W04-2: Discourse Markers
- W04-3: Topic Sentences

## Things to take home from this session

At the end of this session you should be able to

- use the structure of a paragraph in your own writing
- write good topic sentences
- identify and use discourse markers (‘linkers’)
- connect paragraphs logically

## Slides

Academic Writing: Paragraphs and Discourse Markers

## Hungry Minds

Learn more about discourse markers and how to use them best for your writing:

- Using English for Academic Purposes
- Discourse Markers

From:
https://geotraining.de/ - **Summer School: GeoTraining**

Permanent link:
**https://geotraining.de/doku.php?id=en:courses:training:element-03:lecture-notes:lc-ln-04**

Last update: **2025/08/17 20:15**