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Answers

A New Paragraph Narrative

During a story, a writer often begins a new paragraph when certain changes take place. This might include a change in time, a change in place, a change in an event, or a change of character.

Read the paragraph below. Look for the changes and use the paragraph symbol ¶ before each word that should start a new paragraph. Use a different color to shade the sentences in each paragraph. In the questions below, explain the changes that occurred between each paragraph.

Mindy was thrilled about her first day at a new school. She loved school and this would be the first day of third grade. On the night before the first day of school, she gathered all of her school supplies and put them into her backpack. She was so excited!

¶ The next morning Mindy awoke before her alarm clock even went off so that she could get ready for school. She jumped out of bed and brushed her teeth. Mindy put on her new dress, ate breakfast, and said goodbye to her mother as she walked outside to wait for the bus.

¶ When she got on the bus, she saw her friend Amber. Amber motioned for her to come sit beside her. They chatted happily all the way to school. ¶ When they got to school, the girls walked to their classrooms, which were next door! Mrs. Tullock greeted Mindy and helped her find her desk and cubby. Throughout the day, Mindy loved every moment of the orientation to third grade. It was going to be a great year! When it was time to leave, Mindy gathered her belongings. ¶ After a short bus ride, Mindy arrived at her bus stop and saw that her mom was waiting there for her. She couldn't wait to tell her mom all about the day! Third grade was even better than she had ever expected!

What changed between the first and second paragraph? The time changed from evening to morning.

What changed between the second and third paragraph? Mindy's location changed as she got on the bus.

What changed between the third and fourth paragraph? Mindy's location changed as she went into the school.

What changed between the fourth and fifth paragraph? The time and location changed. Mindy rode home after finishing her school day.

