

LET'S PRACTICE!

How to Write a Paragraph



I. Review

As you read this paragraph, you will review the key parts of a paragraph.

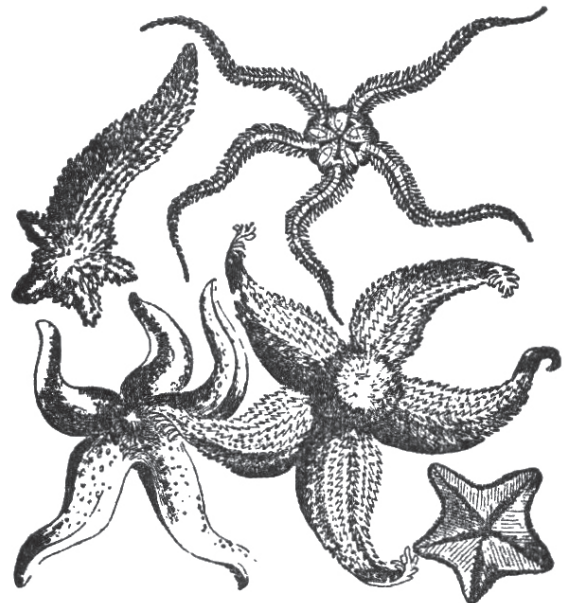
Main Idea: The main idea of this text is underlined with wavy lines.

Details: The details that support the main idea are underlined.

Examples: Examples that expand upon key details are circled.

Sea Stars

Although sea stars are commonly called, “starfish,” they are not actually fish. Sea stars are echinoderms. Other echinoderms include sand dollars, sea urchins, and sea cucumbers. Unlike fish, sea stars have arms. Most sea stars have only five arms and are in the shape of a five-pointed star. Fish swim through the water, whereas sea stars move by using tiny tube feet. These tube feet, located on the underside of their bodies, also help sea stars hold their prey. Sea stars and fish both live underwater, but that is where their similarities end.



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II. Plan Your Paragraph

Choose a topic to write about. Then, complete the graphic organizer.

Topic Sentence _____


Detail _____

Example _____

Detail _____

Example _____

Conclusion _____

