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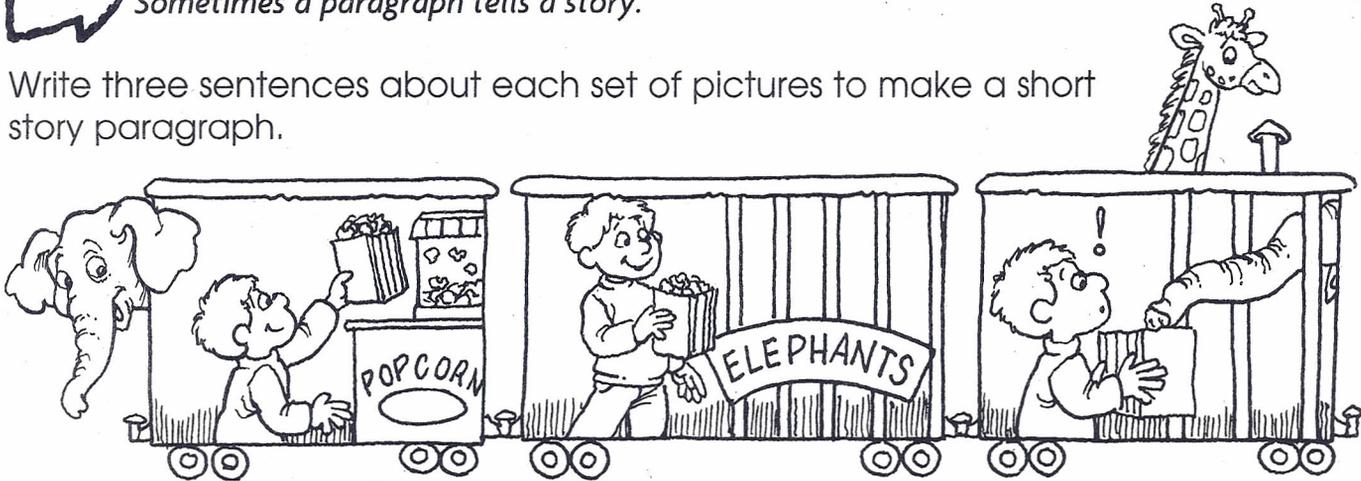
Completing a sequenced paragraph

# A Circus Train



Sometimes a paragraph tells a story.

Write three sentences about each set of pictures to make a short story paragraph.



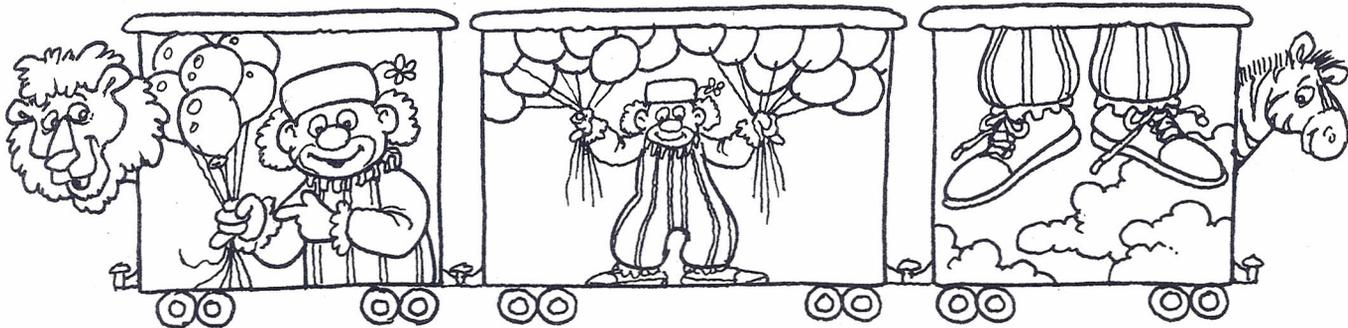

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Read your paragraphs to a friend.

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Building a paragraph:  
Following a topic

## Terrific Topics



A **paragraph** is a group of sentences that tells about one idea, called the **topic**.

Imagine that you are planning to write a paragraph about each topic below.  
Write three ideas for each topic.

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| <p><b>gardening</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. flowers</li><li>2. vegetables</li><li>3. pesky insects</li></ol> | <p><b>fish</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1.</li><li>2.</li><li>3.</li></ol>             | <p><b>homework</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1.</li><li>2.</li><li>3.</li></ol>       |
| <p><b>summer sports</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1.</li><li>2.</li><li>3.</li></ol>                              | <p><b>friends</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1.</li><li>2.</li><li>3.</li></ol>          | <p><b>favorite books</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1.</li><li>2.</li><li>3.</li></ol> |
| <p><b>favorite movies</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1.</li><li>2.</li><li>3.</li></ol>                            | <p><b>American history</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1.</li><li>2.</li><li>3.</li></ol> | <p><b>healthy foods</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1.</li><li>2.</li><li>3.</li></ol>  |



## Missing Topics



*A topic sentence is sometimes called the main idea.*

Read the groups of sentences. Then write a topic sentence that tells the main idea of the paragraph.



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One reason is that guinea pigs do not usually bite. Second, guinea pigs don't make as much noise as other rodents might during the night. Last, they are large enough that they can be found if they ever get lost in a house.

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First, spread peanut butter on two pieces of bread. Next, cut a banana into slices and lay them on top of the peanut butter. Then close the two pieces of bread into a sandwich. Last, eat up!

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Frogs usually have longer legs and wetter skin than toads do. Many frogs live near a water source of some kind while toads prefer a damp, muddy environment. Frog eggs and toad eggs are different in shape.



On another piece of paper, make a list of three subjects you know a lot about. Write a possible topic sentence for each of the subjects.