What is a paragraph?

A paragraph contains all the sentences that deal with one set of ideas. You divide your text into paragraphs to show the reader when one set of ideas has ended and another has begun.

A paragraph gives one main idea and all the examples or the smaller ideas that explain it. The main idea is sometimes called the **theme**.

The **theme** of a paragraph is given in the **topic sentence**. This is usually the first sentence of the paragraph. The topic sentence tells your reader what the paragraph is about and what your idea is.