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Developing a Paragraph

The best paragraphs have THREE main parts:

A topic sentence

Details

A conclusion

Each **detail** should be about the **topic** introduced in the first sentence.

A good paragraph has at least three detail sentences.

DIRECTIONS: Cut on the dotted lines below. Identify the topic sentence, three details, and the conclusion. Then try to put the paragraph in proper order.

Before the 1400s people usually communicated to each other by speaking or with handwritten items.

There are many ways to communicate a message in the modern world, but it was not always that way.

With so many forms of communication available, you can never have an excuse for not writing that thank-you note to your Aunt Bertha.

The invention of the printing press in 1450s brought a quicker and easier way to communicate to the world.

In the last two centuries, the telephone, television, and e-mail were all invented to make communication easier.

CHALLENGE Find a paragraph from your weekly reading material that follows the Topic Sentence, Details, Conclusion pattern. Then create sentence strips like those above and challenge a friend to identify each part.