

We already know that a good paragraph contains three parts: the **introduction**, the **supporting sentences** and the **conclusion**. What we need to know is how to write strong **supporting sentences** that back up the point we are making.

These are types of support you can write about within a paragraph:

- **FACTS:** True information to back up your point
- **REASONS:** Information that explains *why* you are making your point
- **EXAMPLES:** Information that describes *how* something works
- **EXPLANATION:** Describing something in detail so it makes sense to others

Example: It is important to read. You need to read in school. You also need to read to get a job. You have to read for people to think you are smart. Therefore, you should read.

How can we make this paragraph better? By adding better support!

Here's a detailed example:

It is important to read for many reasons. One reason would be because you need to read in school, since most classes involve textbooks and assignments. For example, even in gym class you need to read instructions. Another reason would be that it is important for getting a job. This is because jobs mean reading what you need to do to know the job and stay safe. Finally, reading makes you look smart, which might be important if you are interested in being more successful. For example, if you would like to be a leader, reading skills are important. In conclusion, these reasons make it clear why reading is important

1. This is a **REASON** since it explains *why* reading is important in school.
2. This **EXAMPLE** describes *how* reading would be used in a school.
3. This sentence also explains *why* reading is important by giving a **REASON**.
4. This sentences describes the reason. It is an **EXPLANATION**.
5. Another **EXAMPLE** shows how reading is important once again.