

Here is what students need to know
about writing an organized paragraph:

1. Titles are underlined. The important words are capitalized. Titles are not written using sentence format. Titles tell the main idea.
2. Every paragraph has a purpose: to inform, to entertain, to persuade, etc.
3. A scrambled paragraph is built from three details. Each detail is explained in a sentence pair. The first sentence in each pair provides general information. The second sentence in each pair provides additional, more specific details.
4. Once the three sentence pairs are in place (six sentences, all together) the topic sentence and clincher are added. These sentences should relate to each other, but not be repetitious.
5. The topic sentence introduces the paragraph and needs to contain a general statement, not specific details.
6. The clincher, or closing sentence, needs to end the paragraph in a satisfying way.

