

PEEL PARAGRAPHS

PEEL STANDS FOR...

- Point

- Evidence

- Explain

- Link

POINT

The first sentence of your paragraph states the **point** or the topic of the paragraph.

It is important because it tells the reader what the paragraph will be about.



EXAMPLE

First of all, plastic bags are disastrous for our environment.



EVIDENCE

Next, you support your idea with **evidence** or **examples**.

Evidence adds more credibility to your argument. The readers will see you as knowledgeable and reliable.

Evidence could be data, expert opinions or facts.

EXAMPLE

Studies show that shoppers use 500 billion plastic shopping bags every year.

EXPLAIN

Explain how and why your evidence supports your point.

Write one to three sentences interpreting and explaining the evidence and how it supports your point.



EXAMPLE

Many of these single-use bags are thrown out and eventually end up in landfill or in the ocean. Plastic bags leak toxic chemicals into our oceans. In addition, sea animals can ingest them as they mistake pieces of litter for food.



LINK

The last sentence should link back to your point in the first sentence or it can transition to the next paragraph.

The link concludes the paragraph.

EXAMPLE

Reducing plastic bags would ensure less rubbish is stored in landfill and it would help to keep the ocean clean.

COMPLETE PARAGRAPH

First of all, plastic bags are disastrous for our environment. Studies show that shoppers use 500 billion plastic shopping bags every year. Many of these single-use bags are thrown out and eventually end up in landfill or in the ocean. Plastic bags leak toxic chemicals into the ocean. In addition, sea animals can ingest them as they mistake pieces of litter for food. Reducing plastic bags would ensure less rubbish in landfill and help to keep the ocean clean.