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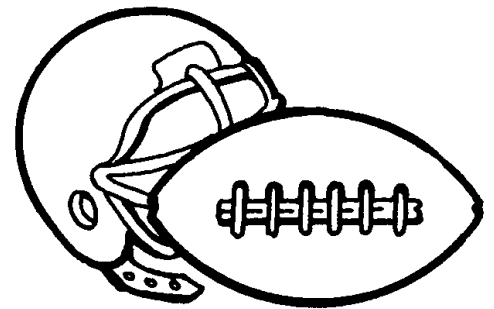
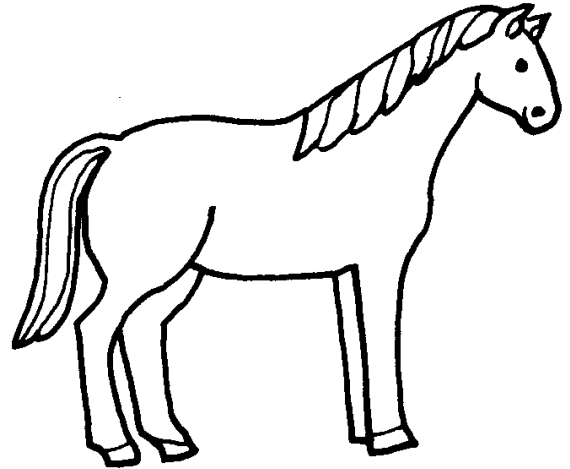
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# You Had Better Have a Good Explanation!

Another kind of paragraph is the *expository* paragraph. Expository writing gives facts, explains ideas, or gives directions. Below are some topics for expository paragraphs. Choose four, and on four separate pieces of paper, write one paragraph for each topic that you choose.

- Explain how a camera works.
- Tell how to twirl a baton.
- Explain how to groom a horse.
- Explain how to make a watercolor painting.
- Tell how to sew on a button.
- Give the facts about your favorite sports team.
- Tell how to drive a car.
- Explain why you like your favorite candy.
- Tell how to ride a bike.
- Explain the game of football.
- Give the facts about your favorite movie or TV star.
- Tell how to study for a test.
- Tell how you make dinner.
- Explain how to play your favorite musical instrument.
- Give the facts about your favorite animal.
- Explain how to swim.



**Challenge:** Create a presentation to give orally to your class. In your presentation, tell the class how to make something or how to do something, or tell your classmates the facts about a topic that interests you. Use visual aids and props to make your presentation more interesting.

**For Younger Students:** Have each student write one paragraph on the topic of his or her choice. They may choose topics of their own, with your approval, or use the ones from the list.



## Essay Writing *(cont.)*

And so you see, you already know how to write an essay. An essay is just a group of paragraphs that are all about a single subject. Here is a brief essay to demonstrate. Usually essays are longer than this, with more sentences including specific details in each paragraph.

**Introductory paragraph** Artists have always made contributions to society. I would like to do the same. When I grow up, I would like to be an artist. I love art, I enjoy creating art, and I would rather work as an artist than anything else.

**First body paragraph** I love looking at art. I love to go to art galleries and see all the art there is. I love to have art around me. I even love the smell of the paints and varnishes. I could be happy just being around art all day long.

**Second body paragraph** I enjoy creating art. I like to think about what I see and make sketches. I like to experiment with paints and try different colors. I would be happy to spend all day creating art, if I could.

**Third body paragraph** I would rather work as an artist than anything else. I can't even imagine doing any other kind of job. I would be thinking about doing art the whole time I was doing some other job. It's not the easiest job there is, but it's the only job I want to do.

**Concluding paragraph** And so, it is clear that more than any other job, I would rather be an artist. I would love everything about it, enjoy the creativity, and even enjoy the hard work of being an artist. I will be an artist when I grow up.