

IDENTIFYING PARAGRAPHS

Activity 1: Complete the PowerPoint (identifying paragraphs) activity first before completing the questions below:

Activity 2:

<u>Identifying Paragraphs - Fiction</u>	<u>Identifying Paragraphs - Fiction</u>
<p>Lucy picked herself up off the floor slowly. Where was she? In her confused state, the last thing she remembered was opening the gate to the garden. This place definitely wasn't the garden. She knew that much for sure.</p> <p>Wherever she was, it looked like nobody had been here for years. Cobwebs hung thick and sticky from the trees above. Rotten, twisted branches crunched under Lucy's feet as she began to move forward. She thought she could make out a wall to her left but it was so covered with moss and dirt that it was hard to tell.</p> <p>As she glanced to her right, a strange branch caught her eye. Was that a face? She scrunched up her eyes to try to see more clearly. She knew was being silly now. Of course it wasn't a face! She decided to investigate the wall, but all the time she couldn't help but glance back to that spot again.</p>	<p>Twisting and turning, Jake flew on into the darkness. He had been travelling for hours and his stomach was starting to rumble. He knew he would have to wait a little longer. It wasn't safe to land yet.</p> <p>Jake was a completely normal boy. He went to school, played football at the weekend and he argued with his little sister a lot. However, this journey wasn't normal at all. Jake had had the strangest weekend and he felt like he was having a very odd dream.</p> <p>The events had all started when he got home from school on Friday afternoon. On a normal day, he would arrive home to his mum cooking dinner in the kitchen. On this day, however, he found that the door was locked. Luckily he had his key and unlocked it himself. As soon as he stepped through the door, he knew something was wrong. He noticed broken glass scattered under his feet and began to panic.</p>
<p>4a. The sentence 'Rotten, twisted branches...' should be the start of a new paragraph.</p> <p>Do you agree? Explain your answer.</p> <p>☆ R</p>	<p>4b. The sentence 'On a normal day...'' should be the start of a new paragraph.</p> <p>Do you agree? Explain your answer.</p> <p>☆ R</p>
<p>5a. Write the first paragraph in the story. Use the word bank to help you.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> <p>school home garden</p> <p>strange gate jumped</p> </div> <p>☆ A</p>	<p>5b. Write the next paragraph in the story. Use the word bank to help you.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> <p>alone messy changed</p> <p>strange empty missing</p> </div> <p>☆ A</p>
<p>6a. Why does the sentence "Wherever she was..." start a new paragraph?</p> <p>Explain how you know.</p> <p>▲</p>	<p>6b. Why does the sentence "The events had all..." start a new paragraph?</p> <p>Explain how you know.</p> <p>▲</p>

Activity 3

<h4 style="text-align: center;">One wintry night</h4>	<h4 style="text-align: center;">Little Lottie</h4>
<p>It was the middle of a particularly cold night in February and a white blanket camouflaged the trees and fields for as far as the eye could see. Tall evergreens hung their heads heavily as they struggled to support the weight of the powdery snow. Not a single sound could be heard.</p> <p>Moonlight struck the trees casting eerie shadows and creating tall, dark figures on the ground. Houses in the distance looked like tiny matchboxes queued up on the hillside, their few remaining lights twinkling in the night sky. It would have been perfectly clear if it weren't for one dark cloud moving noiselessly overhead.</p> <p>Without warning, the wind whipped up causing the perfect snow to blow up into circles of icing sugar clouds. The trees began to sway, knocking off their peaks of snow and bringing their dark shadows to life.</p>	<p>Lottie was nearly four years old. She had the cheekiest of smiles, sharp blue eyes and long, wavy hair which hung loose. Although she was the oldest, she was also the smallest, and Lottie hated that more than anything. She hated it even more than annoying brothers and eating mashed potatoes. While the other children dreamed of riding their bicycles and playing on the trampoline, all that Lottie wanted was to be a little bit taller.</p> <p>Grandma called Lottie her special little girl, pinching her cheeks every time and pressing the end of her nose as though it were a little button. Lottie knew she meant well but she didn't do that to her younger brother, and Lottie was particularly fed up.</p> <p>Leaving her grandma's house on a rainy Wednesday afternoon, Lottie decided that was the last time anyone would call her little. She had a plan...</p>
<p>5a. Identify the paragraphs in the text by writing the first two words of each.</p> <p>★ VF</p>	<p>5b. Identify the paragraphs in the text by writing the first two words of each.</p> <p>★ VF</p>
<p>6a. What is the subject of the first paragraph?</p> <p>★ VF</p>	<p>6b. What is the subject of the second paragraph?</p> <p>★ VF</p>
<p>7a. Which paragraph describes the start of some action?</p> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="button" value="Paragraph 1"/> <input type="button" value="Paragraph 2"/> <input type="button" value="Paragraph 3"/> </div> <p>★ VF</p>	<p>7b. Which paragraph describes a character's appearance?</p> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="button" value="Paragraph 1"/> <input type="button" value="Paragraph 2"/> <input type="button" value="Paragraph 3"/> </div> <p>★ VF</p>
<p>8a. True or false? The sentence below could be added to the first paragraph.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 10px auto; width: 80%;"> <p>The hoot of an owl and a flap of wings echoed through the trees.</p> </div> <p>★ VF</p>	<p>8b. True or false? The sentence below could be added to the first paragraph.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 10px auto; width: 80%;"> <p>She would have to wait and see if it worked, but Lottie felt confident.</p> </div> <p>★ VF</p>

Spelling - Look, say, cover, write.

Practise the following Y3/4 spellings:

Calendar Caught Century Centre Certain

Circle Complete Consider Continue

Decide Describe Different Difficult Disappear

Apply your understanding of the words by writing them correctly in a sentence.

At the end of the week, ask an adult to **test** you on these spellings and see how you get on.

PAG answers:

Activity 2

4a. The statement is incorrect because the sentence is still describing the setting, so it belongs in the same paragraph.

5a. Various possible answers. Answers should link with the following paragraphs.

6a. It is a new paragraph because it is following on from the introduction and is describing the setting in more detail.

4b. The statement is incorrect because the sentence is explaining why this day is different from a normal day so is leading on from the previous sentence.

5b. Various possible answers. Answers should follow on from the previous paragraphs.

6b. It is a new paragraph because it is introducing a new theme and describing how the events described in the previous paragraphs began.

Activity 3

5a. It was; Moonlight struck; Without warning

6a. A setting description.

7a. Paragraph 3

8a. False, the end of the first paragraph describes the absence of sound so this would not make sense.

5b. Lottie was; Grandma called; Leaving her

6b. It describes Grandma's actions towards Lottie.

7b. Paragraph 1

8b. False, this sentence would fit best as the final sentence of the whole text.