

Paragraphs That Shine

A Checklist for Your Accordion Paragraph

- I have a heading that is neat and complete. _____
- My paragraph has a title. _____
- I have indented the first line of my paragraph. _____
- I have a clear, interesting topic sentence. _____
- My paragraph has reasons, details, or facts that support the topic sentence. _____
- I have several examples or explanations. _____
- I have used WOW words in most of my sentences. _____
- The boring words are on vacation! _____
- My sentences start in different ways. _____
- Some of my sentences are short; others are long. _____
- My conclusion is clever and creative; it reminds the reader of my topic. _____
- I have written neatly in cursive. (Stretch the tall letters; make the small letters half the size of the space between the lines.) _____
- I know what margins are, and I wrote within the margins on the page. _____
- My paragraph says "I've done my best!" _____