

Paragraph Mini-Rubric + Checklist

This rubric and checklist help teachers quickly evaluate a learner's paragraph in under one minute.

Three key elements to check in every paragraph: Topic Sentence, Support Sentences, Unity & Coherence.

Criterion	Excellent (2)	Satisfactory (1)	Needs Work (0)
Topic Sentence	Clear and precise; includes topic + controlling idea	Somewhat clear or too general	Missing or irrelevant
Support Sentences	Relevant and sufficient reasons/examples	Few or partially relevant	Irrelevant or incomplete
Unity & Coherence	Sentences flow logically with synthesis and closure	Partial coherence	Scattered, no coherence

Quick Checklist for Teachers:

- ☐ Is there a clear and precise topic sentence?
- ☐ Are there at least two relevant support sentences?
- ☐ Do sentences connect logically (use of cohesive devices)?
- ☐ Is there a mini-synthesis or echo at the end?
- ☐ Does the paragraph maintain overall coherence?