



# Pick a Paragraph

1. Read the sentences below. Choose three sentences that all support the same main idea, and that could go together to become a paragraph. Put check marks next to the sentences that you choose.

- \_\_\_ Factory farming is always contributing to greenhouse gases.
- \_\_\_ Many people prefer the taste of beef to the taste of buffalo.
- \_\_\_ Factory farms have often been accused of the inhumane treatment of animals.
- \_\_\_ Legislative solutions to the problem of factory farms have not seemed to work.
- \_\_\_ Because animals are in close quarters, there is often a buildup of waste matter which can result in a problem with dangerous bacteria in the meat.
- \_\_\_ Vegetarians tend to have less health problems than meat eaters.
- \_\_\_ Widespread vegetarianism will lower the demand for meat, which could put some factory farms out of business.
- \_\_\_ An alternative to factory farms is for people to purchase meat from small farmers who raise animals on a sustainable scale.

2. What is the main idea that ties together the sentences that you chose?

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3. Thinking about your answers for the first two questions, write a topic sentence for your paragraph.

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4. Now, on a separate sheet of paper, write the paragraph. Don't forget to create a good concluding sentence.