**A checklist for an effective paragraph**

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| **The paragraph:** | **Yes** | **No** |
| Has a clear topic sentence |  |  |
| Has a topic sentence at the beginning of the paragraph |  |  |
| Uses clear transitions (links) between sentences |  |  |
| Includes only sentences that relate to the topic sentence |  |  |
| Includes evidence for all ideas that support the topic sentence |  |  |
| Has a logical structure (e.g. from general to more specific information) |  |  |
| Has sentences that are grammatically correct |  |  |
| Has no spelling errors |  |  |