

Definition of an Analytical Paragraph for ESL 263

Based on the ESL 263 standards, all paragraphs need to be analytical. An analytical paragraph:

- Moves in a logical sequence based on a controlling idea, from general to specific. It must include a clear, focused topic sentence and an appropriate concluding sentence.
- Has a controlling idea supported by evidence. The paragraph should use a variety of types of evidence including paraphrases and well-developed examples.
- Must show a clear connection of the evidence to the controlling idea.
- Shows clear critical thinking by interpreting evidence and anticipating readers' needs. Evidence of strong synthesis, argumentation, analysis of topic, and/or problem-solving skills.
- Moves beyond narration & summary.