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Identifying Paragraphs

Hi Yachts ☺

We'll start with a spelling challenge. Can you match the spelling word to the correct definition?

island	knowledge	library	medicine
A place where books are kept.	A substance used to treat disease or illness.	A piece of land surrounded by water.	Information and skills learnt from experience or education.

Today we're going to look at **paragraphs**. We know that a paragraph is a collection of sentences that share the same topic or theme. New paragraphs are used in writing to introduce **new sections of a story, events, characters** or **themes**. Paragraphs help readers to enjoy what has been written because they break text up into easy-to-read sections.

Read through the text below then answer the questions about it.

One Wintry Night

It was the middle of a particularly cold night in February and a white blanket camouflaged the trees and fields for as far as the eye could see. Tall evergreens hung their heads heavily as they struggled to support the weight of the powdery snow. Not a single sound could be heard.

Moonlight struck the trees casting eerie shadows and creating tall, dark figures on the ground. Houses in the distance looked like tiny matchboxes queued up on the hillside, their few remaining lights twinkling in the night sky. It would have been perfectly clear if it weren't for one dark cloud moving noiselessly overhead.

Without warning, the wind whipped up causing the perfect snow to blow up into circles of icing sugar clouds. The trees began to sway, knocking off their peaks of snow and bringing their dark shadows to life. Twisting and turning, Jake flew on into the darkness. He had been travelling for hours and his stomach was starting to rumble. He knew he would have to wait a little longer. It wasn't safe to land yet. Jake was a completely normal boy. He went to school, played football at the weekend and he argued with his little sister a lot. However, this journey wasn't normal at all. Jake had had the strangest weekend and he felt like he was having a

very odd dream. The events had all started when he got home from school on Friday afternoon. On a normal day, he would arrive home to his mum cooking dinner in the kitchen. On this day, however, he found that the door was locked. Luckily he had his key and unlocked it himself. As soon as he stepped through the door, he knew something was wrong. He noticed broken glass scattered under his feet and began to panic.

1. Identify the five paragraphs in the text then write the first two words of each below. The first two paragraphs have been split for you. Remember that a new paragraph starts when a new section of a story, event, character or topic is introduced.

It was

Moonlight struck

2. What is the topic of the first paragraph?

3. Which paragraph describes the start of some action? Tick your answer.

Paragraph 1

Paragraph 2

Paragraph 3

4. True or false? The sentence below could be added to the first paragraph. Circle your answer.

The hoot of an owl and a flap of wings echoed through the trees.

True

False

5. The sentence 'On a normal day...' should be the start of a new paragraph. Do you agree? Explain your answer.

6. Why does the sentence "The events had all..." start a new paragraph? Explain how you know.

