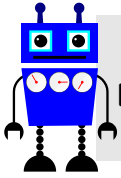


Using Paragraphs



A paragraph is a set of related sentences that are organised into one group. Paragraphs help to organise writing to make it easier to read. They are used in writing to introduce new pieces of information, new characters in a story or new ideas.

- 1) Read the text below and in the box next to each paragraph write what the paragraph is about.

<u>The life cycle of a frog</u>	
A female frog lays eggs in or near to water and it can lay up to four thousand eggs at one time. The eggs are covered in a jelly like substance which protects them from being eaten by other animals. After a few weeks, the eggs begin to hatch.	
When the eggs hatch the tadpoles look more like fish than frogs. They have gills to allow them to breathe underwater but they don't have any legs. The tadpoles gradually grow over several weeks and in this time their lungs develop so that when they become frogs they will be able to breathe out of water. During this stage, the tadpoles begin to grow hind legs and they can swim around.	
The tadpoles begin to grow two front legs so that they start to look more like frogs. At this stage, their tails also begin to shrink. Nutrients are stored in their tails so as long as they have a tail, they don't need anything else to eat. When the tail has almost disappeared, the tadpole has turned into a small frog called a froglet. A froglet can leap around as well as swim. They start to eat plants from the water.	
Eventually the tail will disappear completely and the frog will eat insects from the land. It will take between two and four years for a frog to become a fully grown adult. The adult frog will then lay its own eggs and the lifecycle begins once more.	

- 2) Write three reasons why a new paragraph may be started in writing.

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____

