Think of a paragraph as a **hamburger**.

![Diagram of a hamburger as a paragraph structure]

A paragraph is usually 4 or 5 sentences. It begins with a
- **topic sentence**
followed by
- **supporting sentences**
and finishing with a
- **concluding sentence**.

**The Cheetah**

A cheetah is a large cat found on the plains of eastern and southern Africa. *(topic sentence)* Cheetahs can run at a top speed of over one hundred kilometres an hour. They are the fastest land mammals in the world. They usually hunt during the day by stalking their prey and using their speed to run them down. Cheetahs hunt small mammals like antelopes. *(supporting sentences)* Today they are an endangered species. *(concluding sentence)*

Narratives/reports/persuasive texts and other pieces of writing are made up of a number of these paragraphs, each with a different idea but related to the main storyline. The paragraphs should link together by using "link" words eg. Firstly, secondly.

Therefore a story is made up of a number of hamburgers. Paragraph 1 is the Introduction
Paragraph 2, 3, 4 etc are the "steak"
Final paragraph is the conclusion
Pets should be allowed to come into the house.
There are many types of pets that people keep for company. The most common pets are cats and dogs. These pets are easy to care for and keep clean and they are amusing and companionable. They are companionable because they are friendly and intelligent and can be trained to behave appropriately when inside the home.

Pet cats and dogs have interesting physical characteristics such as pretty coloured eyes, long whiskers, different shaped tails and colourful fur. They can have interesting personalities too, such as being lively and into everything, caring and calm and ever watchful. These characteristics are what people enjoy and like to admire in times of relaxation with their pets. It is a well known fact that pets very importantly provide company for older people who live alone. So these pets need to be allowed to come inside the house.

Some people with disabilities have to rely on pets to be able to live an independent life. Labrador dogs are the 'eyes' for sight impaired people. These dogs can be easily trained. They are the perfect live-in companion and they need to be inside the home to help their owner. Hospitals now allow pets to visit patients who are their owners.

Pets become part of the family as each bonds with the other. They like to join in with and be part of daily family life, so they need to be allowed to come inside for this reason. Pets and their owners need to have bonding time together. Cats and dogs both need to feel loved and cared for and often need time when they can be patted and stroked. This often occurs in times of relaxation inside the home.

It is important to allow pets to come into the home because they play an important role in keeping people of all walks of life, happy.