

UNIT 2: Persuasive Writing Guidelines
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Use this three-point outline form to guide you as you write a three-point persuasive paragraph.

Write a topic. (*Give your opinion about something.*) _____

Write 3 reasons to support your opinion.

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

Sentence #1 Topic sentence (*State your opinion in a complete sentence.*)

Sentence #2 General number sentence (*Use a general number word and restate the main idea.*)

Sentence #3 State your first persuasive point in a complete sentence.

Sentence #4 Write a supporting sentence for the first persuasive point.

Sentence #5 State your second persuasive point in a complete sentence.

Sentence #6 Write a supporting sentence for the second persuasive point.

Sentence #7 State your third persuasive point in a complete sentence.

Sentence #8 Write a supporting sentence for the third persuasive point.

Sentence #9 In conclusion sentence (*Begin your sentence with IN CONCLUSION and restate your topic sentence by changing a few words.*)

Sentence #10 Final summary sentence (*Write a sentence that summarizes one or more of the reasons stated.*)

Rewrite your ten sentence paragraph on a sheet of notebook paper. Be sure to indent and use the check list below to help you edit your paragraph. Make sure you re-read your paragraph several times slowly.

General Checklist: Check the Finished Paragraph	The Three-Point Persuasive Paragraph Guidelines
(1) Have you followed the pattern for a 3-point persuasive paragraph? (See the guidelines on the right.)	Topic 3 persuasive points about the topic
(2) Do you have complete sentences?	Sentence #1: Topic sentence
(3) Have you capitalized the first word and put an end mark at the end of every sentence?	Sentence #2: A general number sentence
(4) Have you written your paragraph in the assigned point of view (first or third person)?	Sentence #3: A first point persuasive sentence
(5) Have you checked your sentences for capitalization and punctuation mistakes?	Sentence #4: A first point supporting sentence
(6) Have you checked your verb tenses?	Sentence #5: A second point persuasive sentence
(7) Have you varied your sentence structure?	Sentence #6: A second point supporting sentence point
	Sentence #7: A third point persuasive sentence
	Sentence #8: A third point supporting sentence
	Sentence #9: In conclusion sentence (<i>restate topic idea</i>)
	Sentence #10: Final summary sentence (<i>summarize reasons</i>)

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Reference 29: Three-Point Persuasive Paragraph Example

Topic: Why Our Family Needs a Guard Dog (*Give your opinion about something.*)
 3 persuasive points: 1. **To provide warning** 2. **To provide protection** 3. **To provide prevention**

Sentence #1 – Topic Sentence (*State your opinion in a complete sentence.*)
We need a guard dog at our house.

Sentence #2 – General Number Sentence (*Use a general number word and restate the main idea.*)
There are several purposes for our having a guard dog.

Sentence #3 – First Point Persuasive Sentence (*Give your first reason to support your opinion.*)
The first reason for having a guard dog is for warning.

Sentence #4 – First Point Supporting Sentence (*Give an example that supports and explains your first point.*)
A guard dog would bark if anyone tried to approach our property or break into our house.

Sentence #5 – Second Point Persuasive Sentence (*Give your second reason to support your opinion.*)
The second reason for having a guard dog is for protection.

Sentence #6 – Second Point Supporting Sentence (*Give an example that supports and explains your second point.*)
A good guard dog that bites strangers would protect us by attacking any approaching criminals.

Sentence #7 – Third Point Persuasive Sentence (*Give your third reason to support your opinion.*)
The third reason for having a guard dog is for prevention.

Sentence #8 – Third Point Supporting Sentence (*Give an example that supports and explains your third point.*)
A guard dog could prevent robbery or vandalism from taking place at our house.

Sentence #9 – In Conclusion Sentence (*Begin your sentence with IN CONCLUSION and restate your topic sentence by changing a few words.*)
In conclusion, we must get a guard dog.

Sentence #10 – Final Summary Sentence (*Write a sentence that summarizes one or more of the reasons stated.*)
He could protect our house and also be a deterrent to other criminal activity on our street.

SAMPLE PARAGRAPH Why Our Family Needs a Guard Dog

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