





Figure 6.7: Paragraphing Poster

When do I begin a new paragraph?	
Topic 	Indent when you begin a new topic or idea.
Time 	Start a new paragraph when you change the time. For example, if you switch from one day to the next, then each day needs its own paragraph.
Territory 	Start a new paragraph when you change the setting or place. If you write about being at home then in the forest, home and the forest are each in separate paragraphs.
Talker 	Start a new paragraph each time a character speaks even if it is just one word or sentence of dialogue. For example: “Lucy, can you come over to my house on Saturday?” Alex inquired. “I’d love to,” Lucy replied, “but I need to check with my mom first.” “Okay, call me tonight to let me know, please.” “For sure!”