

What is a Paragraph? (Fiction)

Everybody fell silent. The sound of a pirate drum boomed through the caves. It got louder and louder with every beat. They were getting too close.

“Will...will they find us again?” Rosie squeaked. “How do they know where we are?”

All of a sudden, they heard a loud bark. It was Bonnie! The pirates had found her and had used her to find the group!

Rosie gasped and turned to run in the direction of the bark but Caleb grabbed her arm before it was too late.

“Everyone into the water!” whispered Caleb. “Bonnie will lose our smell if we swim deeper into the caves. We’ll find a way to save her later, but we have to leave right now!”

Rosie turned back and started to cry. Kwisera was staring back into the darkness. Caleb was scared, but he got the others to jump into the water.

“Swim!”

1. Write down the first word of each paragraph.

2. True or false? A new paragraph would still be needed if the sentence ‘Rosie turned back and started to cry’ was changed to Caleb saying, “It’s our only chance!”

3. Which paragraph introduces Bonnie?

4. Why did the fifth paragraph have to be started?

to introduce a new character

to introduce a new point in time

to introduce a new speaker

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"We're nearly there guys! Now I need you to grab your pink paint and the round sponge I asked you to get."

Carlo loved every minute of making his art videos. He was amazed that so many people watched them online. Nearly two thousand people had seen his last lesson! He was so happy that it was going so well.

Today's lesson was looking like another big hit. He was teaching his viewers how to paint a tropical sunset and he had done a great job.

"Dip the sponge lightly into your paint, then do a few little dabs up here and... Oh no! No!"

His hand had slipped and he'd dropped the pot! Pink paint splashed everywhere.

"My picture!" cried Carlo. "It's ruined!"

5. Jess has written the sentence:

Teaching art was all he had ever wanted to do.

She wants to put it at the end of the second paragraph. Is she correct? Explain how you know.

6. Here is a new sentence to add to the text:

"It's perfect for adding the final touches to our work."

Which paragraph would it fit into best? Convince me.

7. Write one more sentence that could be added to the final paragraph.

Then write a sentence that could start the next paragraph.