

PLEASE Strategy

PLEASE is a mnemonic used to help students write a paragraph by breaking the process down into steps. The process goes as follows:

P Pick

Choose a topic that interests you.

- topic
- audience
- structure/format

L List

Write down all the information/ideas about the topic.

- ideas about the topic
- use this list to help come up with sentences

E Evaluate

Check that the list is complete and organize your ideas into an outline.

- make sure you have enough ideas
- make sure you have all the main points
- put them in order

A Activate

Start each paragraph with a topic sentence.

- write a topic sentence
- should set up the topic and be a starting point for the rest of the paragraph
- should be short, simple, and to the point

S Supply

Expand and explain your ideas.

- write supporting sentences using your list
- clarify and expand the sentences

E End

Create a concluding sentence and check your work.

- write a concluding sentence to wrap it up