A paragraph contains a main idea and supporting details.

Some paragraphs are written to persuade, or change the way people think. These paragraphs have a main idea and supporting details.

Directions:

1. You must convince your mom to buy you a bike for your birthday. 
   Give your reasons on the lines below in sentence form. Then ask again in a different way. Think of a title and write it below.

Title: ________________________________

Question: May I ________________________________

Reasons: 1. ________________________________

2. ________________________________

3. ________________________________

4. ________________________________

5. ________________________________

Ask again: ________________________________
2. Use these sentences to write a paragraph. Write the main idea at the beginning, add your reasons and give detail for each reason, then retell the main idea at the end. Use capital letters and periods where they are needed. Remember to give the paragraph a title.

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