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SOURCE

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# LESSON 54

## Report Writing

Write



Prewrite

Write

Revise

Edit

Publish

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eagle	jay
bluebird	kiwi
flamingo	tern
parrot	hummingbird

## 1 Choose a Topic

Pick a general topic to write about and decide on a topic that truly interests you.

Book: Hummingbirds by Diane Swanson

Birds by Claude Delafosse

Magazine: Birdwatcher's Digest

Internet: [www.hummingbirds.net](http://www.hummingbirds.net)

## 2 Find Sources

Find books, magazines, and websites about the topic, and make a list of sources.

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## 3 Gather Details

Make your Gathering Grid and list facts under each heading.

# Review

## Where were we last time?

In our last lesson:

- ◆ Alice wanted to write a report. She chose a topic and made a list of sources.
- ◆ She then gathered details using a gathering grid.
- ◆ She finished the **Prewrite** step. Now he is going to **Write**.



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Today we'll learn...

# The Writing Process of Report Writing

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Alice followed the three parts to write her report.  
Let's start with the beginning!



## Beginning

The beginning paragraph **introduces the topic** and **gets the reader's interest with fun facts.**

### Humming Wonders

A hummingbird is an amazing bird. When it flies, its wings go so fast that they hum. That is how the bird got its name. A hummingbird can fly up, down, forward, and even backward.

The hummingbird is tiny. It is about 3 1/2 inches long. Its feathers are mostly brown and gray, but some are a shiny green, purple, red, or orange.

When a hummingbird eats, it flies like a helicopter. It pokes its long beak into flowers and drinks nectar. A hummingbird likes orange and red flowers. It also eats tree sap and insects. It lives close to the water in forests and gardens.

How did Alice start the paragraph?

What fun facts did Alice use to get the reader's interest?



## Beginning

### Three Ways to Start the First Paragraph:

#### 1. State an interesting idea.

A(n) (name of bird) is an amazing bird.

#### 2. Share a personal feeling.

I like the (name of bird) because (why you like it).

#### 3. Ask a question.

Do you know about the (name of bird) ?

You can use one of them to start your beginning paragraph!



### Beginning

In the beginning paragraph, we need to:

- **introduce the topic**
- **use 2-3 fun facts to get the reader's interest**



Writing Tip:

Use the first sentence to introduce the topic. You can:

- 1) **state an idea;**
- 2) **share a personal feeling**
- 3) **ask a question**

How do we write the middle paragraphs of a report?



## Middle

The middle paragraphs **explain** and **describe** the topic.

## Let's Learn

an important step for the middle paragraphs

I made groups of **main ideas** from my **grid** and **put them in order**.



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## Middle

**In the middle paragraphs, we need to:**

- write the main ideas
- follow the main ideas and find the facts in the Gathering Grid to write



Writing Tip:

- Use **one paragraph** to write about each idea.

How do we write the ending paragraph of a report?



## Ending

The ending paragraph **lists interesting ideas** from the grid that you **haven't used yet** and **tells why you like your topic.**

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A hummingbird seems very smart. The spiderwebs let the nest stretch as the babies grow! I like the hummingbird because it is shiny, beautiful, and amazing.

### 4. Some Amazing Facts

- the nest can stretch
- ~~fly up, down, backward,~~
- ~~and forward very fast~~
- ~~wings hum when they fly~~

Which fact hasn't been used? How did Alice write about it?

Did Alice tell why she like the topic?



### Ending

**In the ending paragraph,  
write about:**

- the facts that haven't been used
- why you like the topic



Writing Tip:

- You can tell why you like the topic to end the whole essay.

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## Beginning

1. Introduce the **topic**.
2. Add **two or three interesting facts** to get the reader's interest.



## Middle

1. **Write down the main ideas**. Follow the main ideas and find the facts in the Gathering Grid to write.
2. Write a paragraph **for each main idea**.



## Ending

1. **List interesting ideas** from your grid that you haven't used yet.
2. Finish your paragraph by **telling why you like your topic**.