

Academic Writing, Paragraph Structure

Below are the main elements of a paragraph. Put them in the correct order in which they should appear in a paragraph.

Supporting details for cause #3 Cause #3	Cause #2 Supporting details for cause #1	Topic sent./main idea Supporting research for cause #2	Cause #1
Elements of a paragraph			
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Highlight in different colours the elements of a paragraph in the example below.

The main causes of deforestation are; commercial logging, mining and large scale agriculture. Firstly, large areas of tropical rainforest are destroyed by commercial logging. The ITTO claim that this logging is the largest single cause of forest destruction (Lange, 2011) and research shows that five million hectares are destroyed every year to provide wood for the construction industry (Save the Rainforest, 2005). In addition to this, mining in the rainforests also leads to deforestation. Land for mining is cleared of all vegetation and the exposed soil is eroded away and loses its fertility and forest cannot grow back (Internet Geography, 2007). Agricultural land use is another major cause of deforestation. For example, enormous areas of forest are cleared for cattle grazing. This grazing is usually to meet demand for beef in other parts of the world (Lange, 2011).

1. How has the writer used linkage and cohesion strategies to connect the ideas and sentences in the paragraph?

2. Which phrases have been used that incorporate formal academic tone?
