**Today's aims:**
- Be able to split your writing into paragraphs
- Be able to order your paragraphs so that your writing flows
- And think about using a topic sentence at the start of each paragraph

**Terminology:**
Topic sentence - A sentence that goes at the start of each paragraph to tell the reader what is coming.

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**Task 1 - READ**

The text we are going to use:

This lesson you are going to split the below text into paragraphs and re-write it so that it makes sense. As you can see at the moment it is just jumbled up facts (this would not get you a good grade).

Crocodiles are hunters and good survivors. They have very tough skin. They have about 30 to 40 teeth in each jaw. Crocodiles live in tropical and sub-tropical rivers and estuaries. They can be up to 7.5m/25ft in length. Their fourth tooth from the front on each side of the lower jaw is visible when the jaws are closed. They have snouts which are long and thin, or short and broad. They eat a range of animal prey and their eggs have hard shells, like birds’ eggs. In crocodiles, the fourth tooth on each side of the lower jaw protrudes when the mouth is closed. Crocodiles are part of the family called crocodylians which also includes alligators and gavials. The crocodile is the largest of the family. Crocodylians first appeared about 200 million years ago. Their ancestors originally lived on land but they now live mainly in water. Crocodylians can live in tropical and sub-tropical areas of the world. Modern crocodiles are amphibious. They swim, moving themselves by strokes of their long powerful tail. The tail is sometimes used to capture prey, sweeping it from shallow to deeper water, where it can be killed and eaten more easily. When they are swimming very little can be seen of them. Crocodylians’ jaws are powerful enough to crush the bones of small animals. The upper and lower jaws of the crocodile are the same width, and teeth in the lower jaw fall along the edge or outside the upper jaw when the mouth is closed; therefore all teeth are visible unlike an alligator; which possesses small depressions in the upper jaw where the lower teeth fit into. Also when the crocodile’s mouth is closed, the large fourth tooth in the lower jaw fits into a constriction in the upper jaw. Crocodylians are egg-laying reptiles. They breed from about the age of 10. The eggs, 20 to 90 in number and about the size of goose eggs, are buried in sand or mud, where they are left for two to three months. Females remain in the area to protect the nest and care for the newly hatched young. Some species carry their new-born in their mouths to the water’s edge like some birds. Crocodylians (subfamily Crocodylinae) or true crocodiles are large aquatic reptiles that live throughout the tropics in Africa, Asia, the Americas and Australia. As the crocodile floats almost completely submerged, its nostrils and eyes and a portion of its back are the only parts visible. A crocodile often uses its tail to knock its prey into the water where it is then gripped in the crocodile’s jaws. The crocodile then circles quickly in the water, tearing its victim apart.

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**Task 2 – PLAN**

Now you will need to plan how you are going to split the text into paragraphs each on a different subject relating to crocodiles, what they do and how they survive.

**What crocodiles look like**
“crocodiles have tough skin”

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**Task 3 – ORDER**

Which order are you going to put your paragraphs in?

You need to guide the reader starting with the simple things and getting more complicated as you go. So it’s always good to tell us what they look like first so we can imagine.

Paragraph 1 – What they look like
Paragraph 2: _____________________________________________________________
Paragraph 3: _____________________________________________________________
Paragraph 4: _____________________________________________________________

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**Task 4 – TOPIC SENTENCE**

This is the sentence that begins each paragraph that tells the reader what the paragraph is about. To make your writing sound great you don’t just want to jump straight into facts and figures you want to give us some basic information first.

**Crocodiles are large reptiles with leather like green skin. The can grow...**

**Crocodiles have 40 teeth and giant jaws (this is too specific for a topic sentence)**

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**Task 5 – WRITE**

Now have a go at writing it. On the back of this sheet.

Remember your order and topic sentences.

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**REMEMBER**

Remember to do this in your exam, you’ll have loads of time to plan and write a great answer.