

Vocabulary

Use the vocabulary words and definitions below as a reference for this unit.

- audience** the readers to whom a piece of writing is directed or the listeners to whom a talk is directed
- body paragraphs** the sentences between the topic sentence and the ending sentence that develop the main idea of the paragraph
- closing sentence or clincher** the final sentence of a paragraph
- descriptive writing** writing that paints a colorful picture by using vivid details to present a person, place, thing, or an idea
- details** the added information about a topic
- expository writing** writing that explains something or informs readers
- main idea** the most important idea or point in a paragraph or piece of writing
- narrative writing** writing that tells a story or recounts an event
- paragraph** a group of related sentences that present and develop one main idea
- persuasive writing** writing that focuses on convincing readers of an opinion or claim, or to take a particular action

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- purpose** the specific reason a person has for writing
- subject** whom or what a sentence is about
- supporting details** the words used to support the main idea or topic sentence
Examples: Supporting details can describe a person, persuade an audience, or explain a process
- topic** the subject of written material; what the material is about
- topic sentence** the sentence that tells the focus or main point of a paragraph
- transitions** words or phrases that link ideas, sentences, and paragraphs together
- useful topic** a topic that has been limited and that points to something specific about the general topic