

LO: To write a physical features paragraph

Look at our model text introduction. What features (toolbox) have we explored?

Physical features

Due to its location, the taiga is in the temperate climate zone resulting in two distinctly contrasting seasons. Whilst this biome has short, wet summers, it also has long, cold winters. As a result, precipitation is moderate in the taiga with snow in winter and rain in summer. Furthermore, for six months of the year, the temperature is below 0°C. This means that the growing season is short; lasting only about three months during the summer when temperatures are favourable for plants.

- sub-title
- paragraph
- topic sentence
- definitions
- additional information
- parenthesis
- examples
- technical language
- mix of simple and complex sentences
- wide range of connectives
- use of generalisers

Look at the notes. Which idea(s) would be best for the topic sentence? Remember, a topic sentence introduces the **main idea** of what the paragraph is about. Additional, more specific details follow a topic sentence. Think **big** idea to **smaller** ideas.

Physical Features

- Temperate (see definition) biome
- Hot-dry summers/mild and rainy winters
- Summer av. Temp = 100 degrees Fahrenheit (5 months)/winter = low 30 degrees Fahrenheit.
- Average temp 64 degrees Fahrenheit.
- Nearly all rainfall occurs in winter and spring rainy season
- Average rainfall = 10 – 17 inches per year. Way more than desert biome.
- Hot-dry summers = prone to fires
- Lightening causes fires
- Semi-arid land. Poor soil.

Using

the model text to guide you, the grammar we have explored recently (connectives and parenthesis), your toolbox and the research/information about the Chaparral biome

write your own physical features paragraph.