

## LO: To write a human processes paragraph

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

### Human processes

Although two major cities (Toronto and Moscow) are located in the taiga biome, most of it is uninhabited. As such, you would think that it would be little impacted by human processes. Unfortunately, the taiga forests are endangered due to logging and mining, in particular, open cast tar sands mining. When trees are cut down in the taiga, it takes a long time for new trees to grow because of the short growing season meaning that the forests are not replenished. This has impacts not only on the number of trees but also habitats, and more importantly, global warming due to the reduced capacity to absorb carbon.

- sub-title
- paragraph
- **topic sentence**
- definitions
- additional information
- parenthesis
- examples
- technical language
- mix of simple and complex sentences
- **wide range of connectives (cause and effect)**
- 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.

#### Human Processes

- Some of the most endangered regions on planet Earth.
- Suffered tremendous degradation and habitat loss (human activity)
- Semi-arid. Poor soil = vulnerable to degradation by human activity.
- Human activity – logging, overgrazing, introduction of exotic species, and urbanisation.
- Many native species extinct or endangered.
- Native people used fire to clear brush and trees.
- European colonisers stopped use of fires.
- Now, fuel built up and when fires do come, they are devastating.

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 human processes paragraph.