

# A paragraph plan



## T opic Sentence

*Write a statement that develops the topic and explains how you intend to argue the point.*

**Parents should not give two-year-old children a Leap-Pad because it affects their social development.**

## E vidence

**What are the facts?  
Introduce and state the evidence.**

*While a LeapPad might be a convenient baby-sitting tool, reputable evidence suggests that it hinders their social interaction.*  
**Experts:** *Psychologist Dr Ari Sitwell believes that such gadgets lead to “hands-off” parenting, and lay the foundation for anti-social and addictive behaviour-syndromes.*

## E xplanation

**Explain and show the connection to the topic sentence. What is its significance?**

*From such a young age, the obsession with technology is clearly dangerous. LeapPads encourage individual pursuits and children do not learn many basic social skills such as cooperation, communication and negotiation . . .*

**Specific example and/or quotes (if appropriate).**

*For example, four-year old Ben was given a LeapPad when he was two years old and he has since become anti-social and self-centred . . .*

**L**ink sentence to topic and round off paragraph.

*If parents want to help their children develop their social skills they should restrict access to tech gadgets such as LeapPads.*

*From broad to specific: a logical progression of ideas*