

## Identifying Paragraphs - Fiction

### One Wintery Night

It was the middle of a particularly cold night in February and a white blanket camouflaged the trees and fields for as far as the eye could see. Tall evergreens hung their heads heavily as they struggled to support the weight of the powdery snow. Not a single sound could be heard.

Moonlight struck the trees casting eerie shadows and creating tall, dark figures on the ground. Houses in the distance looked like tiny matchboxes queued up on the hillside, their few remaining lights twinkling in the night sky. It would have been perfectly clear if it weren't for one dark cloud moving noiselessly overhead.

Without warning, the wind whipped up causing the perfect snow to blow up into circles of icing sugar clouds. The trees began to sway, knocking off their peaks of snow and bringing their dark shadows to life.

Twisting and turning, Jake flew on into the darkness. He had been travelling for hours and his stomach was starting to rumble. He knew he would have to wait a little longer. It wasn't safe to land yet.

Jake was a completely normal boy. He went to school, played football at the weekend and he argued with his little sister a lot. However, this journey wasn't normal at all. Jake had had the strangest weekend and he felt like he was having a very odd dream.

The events had all started when he got home from school on Friday afternoon. On a normal day, he would arrive home to his mum cooking dinner in the kitchen. On this day, however, he found that the door was locked. Luckily he had his key and unlocked it himself. As soon as he stepped through the door, he knew something was wrong. He noticed broken glass scattered under his feet and began to panic.

1. Identify the paragraphs in the text by writing the first two words of each.

2. What is the subject of the first paragraph?

3. Which paragraph describes the start of some action?

Paragraph 1

Paragraph 2

Paragraph 3

  
  

4. True or false? The sentence below could be added to the first paragraph. Circle your answer.

The hoot of an owl and a flap of wings echoed through the trees.

true

false

5. The sentence 'On a normal day...' should be the start of a new paragraph. Do you agree? Explain your answer.

6. Write the next paragraph in the story. Use the word bank to help you.

alone changed messy missing strange empty

7. Why does the sentence "The events had all..." start a new paragraph? Explain how you know.