

Writing: Paragraph Writing & Linking Words

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2. Body (Supporting sentences):

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3. Conclusion (Concluding sentence)

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II- Paraphrase ✍ the topic sentence as suggested

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2. Students leave

III- Paraphrase ✍ the concluding sentence as suggested

Dropping out of school.....

IV- Underline the linking words used in the text, then classify them in the table below.

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