**Beginning a new paragraph**

New paragraphs are important for the reader.  They tell when you're switching time, place, topic or speaker, and they help break the page up so it is not just a solid block of writing.  Seeing that can be discouraging, and you don't want your reader to be discouraged before she even starts to read.

**How to do it**

There are a few standard times to make a new paragraph:

* When you start in on a new topic
* When you skip to a new time
* When you skip to a new place
* When a new person begins to speak
* When you want to produce a dramatic effect









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