

In persuasive writing, we use our opening paragraph to **let readers know exactly what our writing will be about**. It is crucial that we make this first paragraph interesting and memorable so that readers will want to continue reading your work.

Remember that you are writing a persuasive paragraph, so please ensure that your key reasons are briefly mentioned in this opening paragraph.

Along with my fellow colleagues, I want to let you know that WE QUIT! Being a chair is incredibly difficult and we have had enough! From supporting the weight of your growing bodies, to being left with unsanitary items like your masks and snack wrappers, to being physically mistreated from our head to toes, we have decided that we have had enough! Until you treat us better and provide us better working conditions, we will temporarily stop serving you and your bottoms during your ELA writing periods. Feel free to bring new chairs to replace us, but good luck bringing them in given the Covid-19 restrictions! Until these concerns are addressed, we will be going on strike!

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Clear purpose of your writing (green)	
Summary of idea 1 (blue)	
Summary of idea 2 (yellow)	
Summary of idea 3 (pink)	
Sentence to wrap up your thoughts... end strong! (orange)	

Your turn to write your initial paragraph. Remember that this paragraph needs to have 5-7 sentences to thoroughly and effectively persuade people to continue reading.

- Remember to indent
- Check spelling and grammar

Please locate and underline the following in its appropriate colour. Put a checkmark beside it once you've completed it.

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