

## **Unit 8: Main ideas of paragraphs**

Our today's lecture is about the main ideas of paragraphs. The main idea of a paragraph is very important as it tells us a lot about the topic. It tells us the writer's idea about the topic. One important thing you should keep in your minds is that there may be many paragraphs about a topic, but their main ideas can be different.

### **(Classroom Activities)**

#### **Some idea about clothes.**

1. Clothes can tell a lot about a person. Some people like very colorful clothes. They want everyone to look at them. They want to be the center of things. Other people like to wear nice clothes, but their clothes are not colorful or fancy. They do not like people to look at them. There are also some people who wear the same thing all the time. They do not care if anyone looks at them or not. They do not care what anyone thinks about them.

**a) Clothes are colorful.**

**b) Clothes can tell a lot about a person.**

**c) Clothes always look nice on some people.**

2. It is important to bring the right clothes when you travel. If you are travelling to a cold country, you should bring warm clothes. Be sure you have a hat and gloves, too. If you are going to a hot country, you need different clothes. You do not want heavy or dark clothes. In hot weather, light clothes are best. If you are going to a city, you may need some nice clothes. You may want to go to a special restaurant or a concert. It is different if you are travelling by bicycle in the country. Then you will want comfortable clothes. One rule is the same for all travellers, however. Do not bring too many clothes!

**a) Clothes for warm weather are light.**

**b) Clothes have to be chosen carefully when you travel.**

**c) Clothes can be heavy.**

## Pets.

1- Cats and dogs are both popular pets. Cat owners think cats are nicer pets in some ways. Cats are cleaner, first of all. They themselves clean, and they do not make the house dirty. Cats are also quieter than dogs. They usually do not make a lot of noise. Cats are safer, too. Dogs sometimes bite people, but cats almost never do. Finally, cats are easier to take care of. You do not have to spend much time with a cat. In fact, many cats prefer to be alone.

- a) ***Some people prefer cats as pets.***
- b) ***Cats do not make a lot of noise.***
- c) ***Cats are nicer than dogs in some ways.***

2- many children want to have a pet. Some parent may not like the idea of a dog or a cat in the house, but pets can be good for children. A pet is fun for a child to play with. This can be especially important if there is one child. Also children can learn a lot from a pet. They can learn about animals and the natural world. Children also learn about taking care of something. They cannot forget about their pet. This is important lesson for all children.

- a) ***Children usually want a dog or a cat.***
- b) ***Pets may be good for children.***
- c) ***Parents sometimes do not like pets.***

3- Most Americans think of cats as pets, but not all cats are pets. Some cats can help people, and other cats can be a problem. For example, on farms and in old houses, cats can help. They kill small animals such as rats or mice. Some people do not want cats around, however. They like to watch birds in their yards. Cats may kill the birds or scare them away. Cats can also be a problem in cities. In Rome, for example, thousands of cats live in the streets and old buildings. They make a lot of noise, and they are dirty and dangerous.

- a) ***Cats can be a problem.***
- b) ***Most Americans think of cats as pets.***
- c) ***Cats are not just pets.***