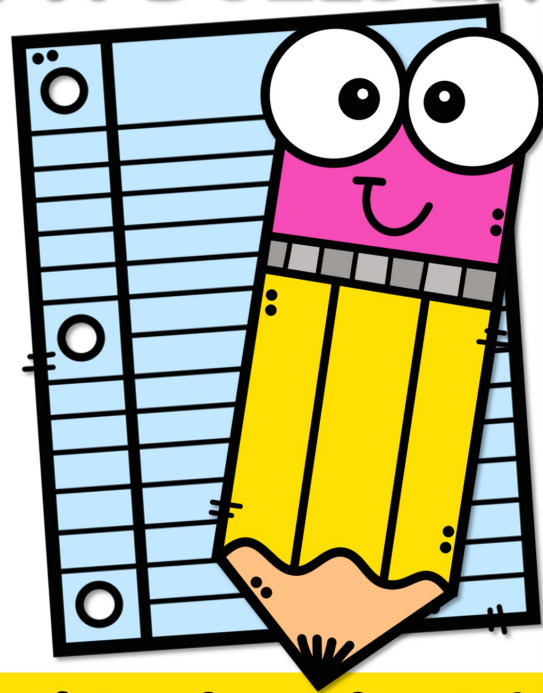


# interactive notebook

## PARAGRAPH BUILDER

| Topic                |                                                                                                                    |
|----------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Getting a puppy      |                                                                                                                    |
| Detail               | <p>Transition: First,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Give it food and water.</li></ul>                |
| Detail               | <p>Transition: Next,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Train it to go to the bathroom outside.</li></ul> |
| Detail               | <p>Transition: Finally,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Give it exercise.</li></ul>                    |
| Conclusion           |                                                                                                                    |
| Transition: Clearly, |                                                                                                                    |
| It is worth the work |                                                                                                                    |



**Use with any subject or topic!**  
**Created by A Teachable Teacher**

- ✓ **Scaffolded approach to support strong paragraph writing**
- ✓ **Interactive notebook pieces for student engagement**
- ✓ **Use with ANY writing prompt or subject**
- ✓ **Print and use again & again**

# What's Included:



**Includes 2 size options:  
(full-page spiral notebook &  
composition notebook)**



**Scaffolded paragraph parts:  
topic, detail, explain, conclusion**



**Step-by-step teacher directions  
with visuals**



**Print & use again and again**

|                                    |            |         |
|------------------------------------|------------|---------|
|                                    | Topic      |         |
|                                    | Detail     | Explain |
|                                    | Detail     | Explain |
|                                    | Detail     | Explain |
| Spiral Notebook/<br>Notebook paper | Conclusion |         |

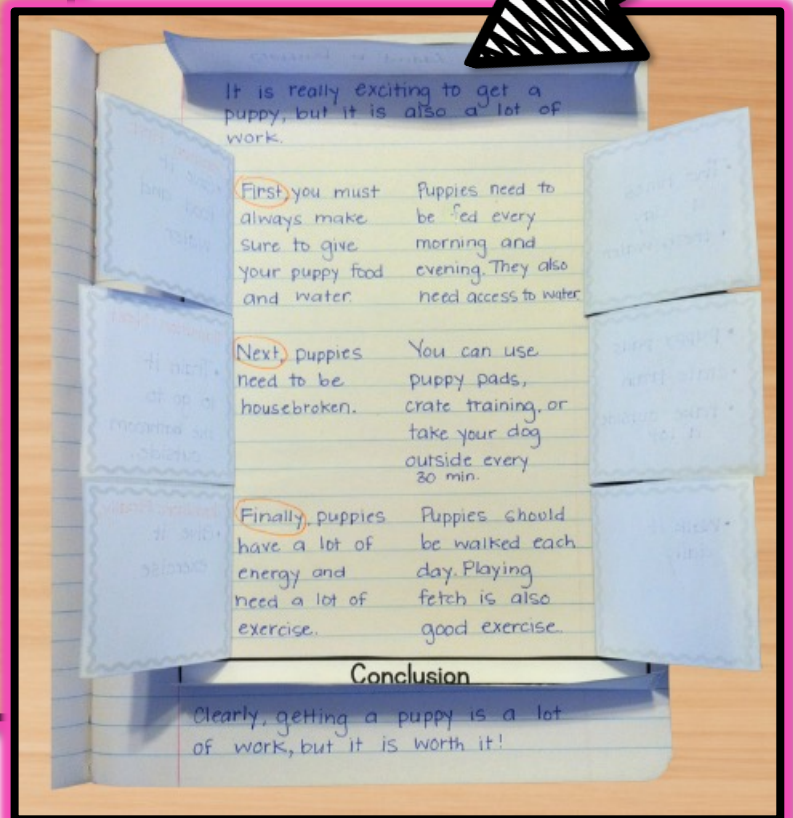
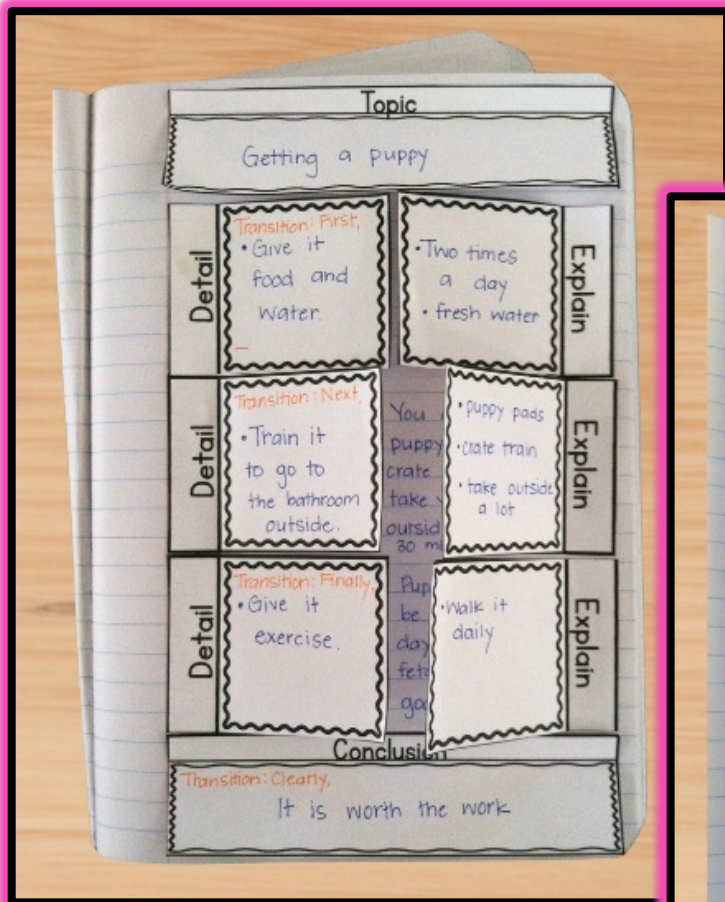
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|                  |            |         |
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|                  | Detail     | Explain |
|                  | Detail     | Explain |
| Composition Book | Conclusion |         |



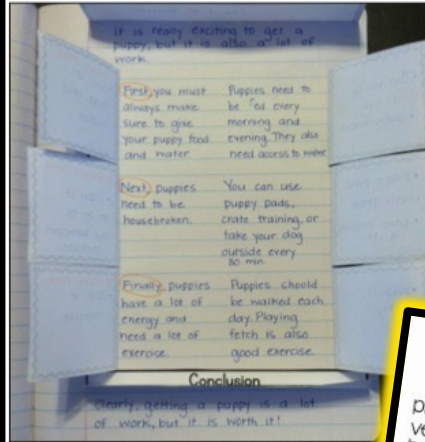
# How It Works in the Classroom

- ✓ Students complete each section:  
Topic - Details - Explain - Conclusion
- ✓ Supports paragraph structure
- ✓ Final result = an 8+ sentence paragraph



# Teacher Directions for Easy Implementation

## Teacher Directions Cont'd



5. WRITE - The writing takes place underneath each flap. Students will work flap by flap to turn their brainstorm into (a) sentence(s). For example, I turned the "Topic - Getting a puppy" into "It is really exciting to get a puppy, but it is also a lot of work." As student writing progresses, you can require two sentences (or more) for each element. Students

6. Whoooh, the paragraph is complete! Now the paragraph can be used in a notebook.

## Teacher Directions

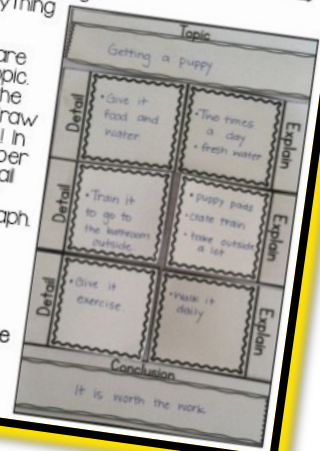
First, thank you for purchasing the Interactive Notebook Paragraph Builder from A Teachable Teacher! I hope you will find this very useful in your classroom! Before you get started, make sure you have copied the right size builder. The elements on page 4 are sized for a standard spiral bound notebook or piece of notebook paper. The elements on page 5 are sized for a Composition Book (which is smaller).

1 CUT - Trim the top, bottom, and right edges. Then use the dashed lines to separate the rectangle into five parts. To split the Detail/Explain rectangles, cut along the solid black line in the middle (circled in pic - right).

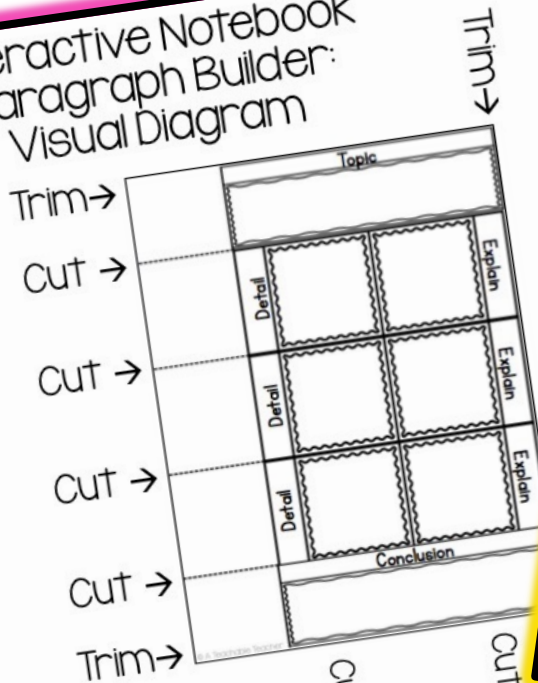
2 FOLD - Fold each tab on the solid line. I like to fold forward and backward so it is easier to raise the flaps later.

3 GLUE - The best way to glue is by working your way from bottom to top. Start by gluing the conclusion rectangle so that the bottom aligns with the bottom of the page. Use the pink/red guides on the left margin of your page to help you make sure you keep everything straight and aligned properly.

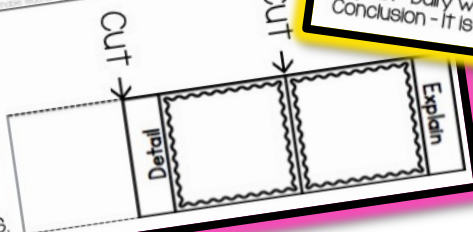
4 BRAINSTORM - The top of the flaps are used for brainstorming. Consider a topic. Then, think about three details about the topic (one in each box). Students can draw pictures, write words, make bullets, etc! In the explain box, students dig a little deeper further. Finally, students consider how they are going to conclude their paragraph. See my example.



## Interactive Notebook Paragraph Builder: Visual Diagram



"Tabs" are the areas with titles (Topic, detail, explain, conclusion). Fold on the solid line, place glue on the back of the tabs.



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