

# Writing for Tests

**Prompt** Suppose you are introducing a new student to your school. What important facts about your school would you explain to him or her? Write an explanatory paragraph to a new student telling what he or she should know.

## Life at McKinley School

First sentence is a topic sentence that tells what the paragraph will be about.

Each detail is an important fact.

Conclusion shows that the paragraph is finished.

The third-grade class at McKinley School is a great place to learn! At 9:00 each morning Mr. Chase, the principal, makes announcements. Then third graders have reading and spelling. Then we go to lunch. You can bring your lunch, or you can buy it. (On Wednesdays, the lunchroom serves spaghetti. It's great!) After lunch we have social studies and then physical education. Then we have math and science. In late afternoon, we work on projects, such as the science fair. Sometimes we have a field trip, like to the art museum. Finally, Ms. Perez reviews our homework assignments. It's the end of another educational day at McKinley School.