

# Create Your Own Paragraph

What's your topic? The proposed street up the middle of Porcupine Park

What's the main idea? (What's the one point you want to make in this paragraph?)

Constructing a city street through Porcupine Park will severely diminish our enjoyment of nature.

List three statements, facts, examples, or ideas that answer "Why?" or "Prove it!"

1. Statement: The addition of traffic noises, the smell of exhaust, and the inevitable litter will pollute the once-peaceful park.

Transition needed? If that weren't troubling enough,

2. Fact: According to the city's Website, [shipleyatyourservice.org](http://shipleyatyourservice.org), the "two-mile trail will be downsized to 1.2 miles" and will lose the stand of irreplaceable old-growth oaks.

Transition needed?

3. Logical statement: A park, by its very definition, is supposed to be a place where people can take advantage of their natural surroundings and enjoy the grass, streams, trees, and other natural beauties unavailable in the city.

Do you need any transitions like *otherwise*, *however*, *in addition*, *furthermore*, *afterward*, *for example*, and *finally*, between your three statements? Write them after "Transition needed?" Do you need a sentence at the end of your paragraph to sum up your point or move readers from this paragraph to the next one? If so, write it here:

This proposed street breaks the original intent of a park's very purpose and takes something of immense value from us.