Transcript of Hamburger Paragraph Graphic

The top bun of a hamburger comes first, similar to the **topic sentence** of a paragraph. The topic sentence is the most important piece of a paragraph because it tells the reader what you will discuss.

The middle of the hamburger contains all of the tasty parts that give the hamburger flavor. The **supporting detail** found in the middle of your paragraph includes different sentence types (simple, compound, complex, compound-complex) to give variety, description, and detail to support the topic sentence.

The bottom bun of the hamburger helps hold everything so it will not spill out; the **concluding sentence** or last sentence of the paragraph neatly ends the paragraph.

Example:

My favorite family vacation was going to Disney World and visiting the Pangani Forest Exploration Trail.

When we arrived, I heard the birds chirping overhead and lush jungle foliage surrounded me. The winding path we started down was filled with other tourists like my family and me. As we meandered down the path, we tried dodging snapping cameras and moving strollers. We saw a few animals, but my favorite was the Colobus monkeys. They are a smaller monkey with a black face. The white hair bordering their faces makes them seem old and wise. As I heard my father call my name, he broke my staring trance, letting me know it was time to leave the forest.

I will never forget my vacation to Disney World.