

## 英文パラグラフのしくみ

一般的に paragraph は“段落”と言い換えられていますが、その内容構成には大きなへだたりがあるようです。ご承知のように、英文パラグラフは「ある考え」を述べるための最低限の分量の文章で、パラグラフ内は

トピックセンテンス ( topic sentence = 話題文 )

サポーティングセンテンス ( supporting sentence )

サポーティングディテイル ( supporting details )

コンクルーディングセンテンス ( concluding sentence ) で構成されています。

次の英文パラグラフで、*topic sentence* (TS) *supporting sentence* (SS) *concluding sentence* (CS) はそれぞれどの部分になるか明示しなさい。

### River Rafting

River rafting is a challenging sport with important requirements. First of all, planning your trip carefully ensures your safety at all times. Therefore, the river-rafting company you choose should have a good safety record. You can select a river-rafting from level I ( no experience ) to level VI ( the most experience). At level I, the river moves slowly and does not have many dangerous rocks and boulders, so you can actually enjoy the scenery. At each level up the scale, there is an increasing number of powerful waves and dangerous rocks. When the river is high from melting snow, the current is fast, and the ride is rough. Therefore, it is only for the most experienced river runner. In addition, river rafting requires special equipment. You ride an inflatable rubber boat with an expertly trained guide and a group of six to eight people. Everyone must wear a life jacket and a helmet and be able to use a paddle at the more difficult levels. Finally, you must be alert at all times. You must stay safely in the raft as it makes its way down the raging river. The guide will shout instructions, and the passengers must obey instantly and work as a team to avoid disaster. The chances of falling overboard are great. When someone does, the passengers will try to grab and pull him or her aboard. Because river conditions can be dangerous at the higher levels of difficulty, the wild, exciting adventure is only for the courageous and experienced. In short, if you are fearless and in good physical condition and can react quickly, river rafting is the ideal outdoor sport for you.

( Alice Oshima & Ann Hogue, *Introduction to Academic Writing*, Longman )