



# Study Skills: Planning for Extended Writing

**As you get older, your writing should develop. This means better language, more complex grammar and great use of sophisticated punctuation.**

**You are also expected to write MORE and to make sure that you can STRUCTURE your work effectively.**

**PLANNING should be your first step in every piece of writing that you produce.**

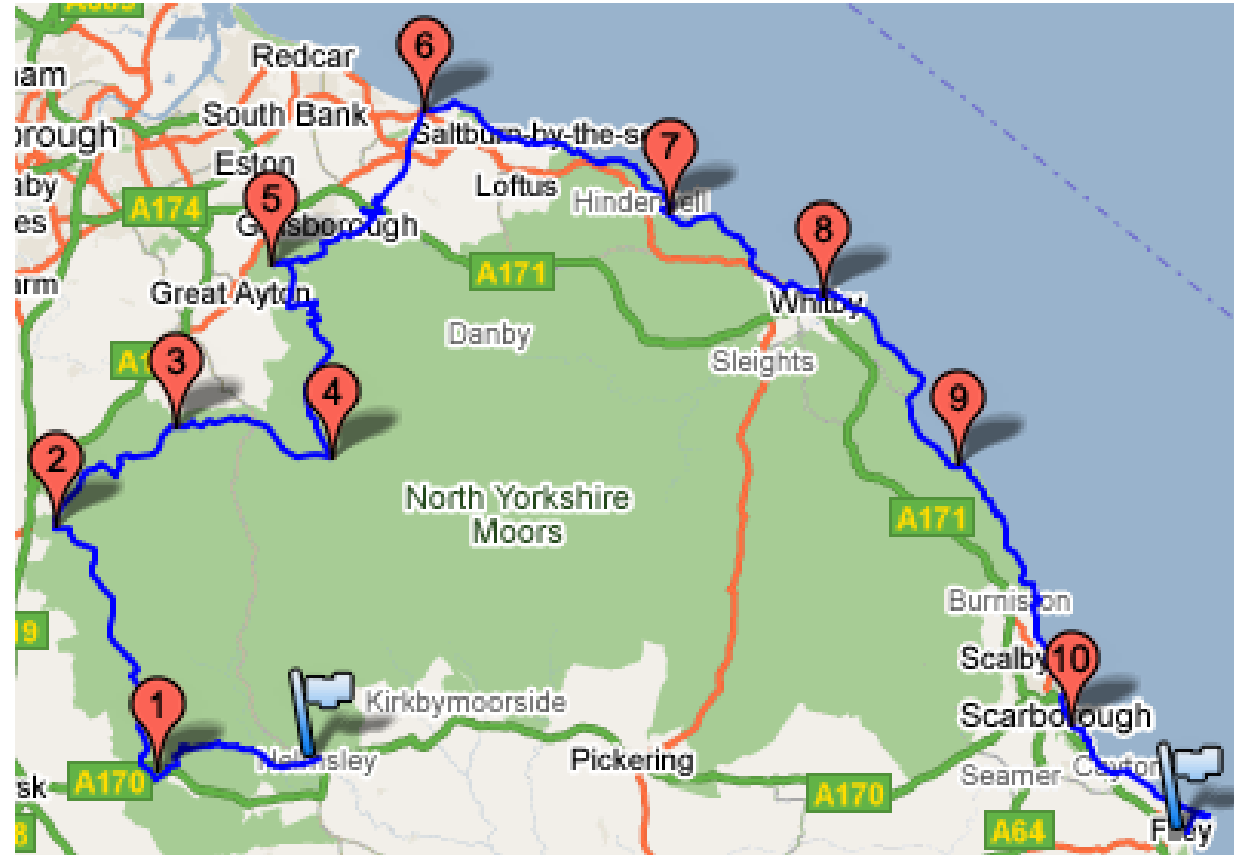
**Good planning will also have a great effect on how you manage your time!**



If you go on a journey, then you need to plan the route you are going to take.

This means that you won't get confused or lost on the way.

You are in CONTROL of the journey.

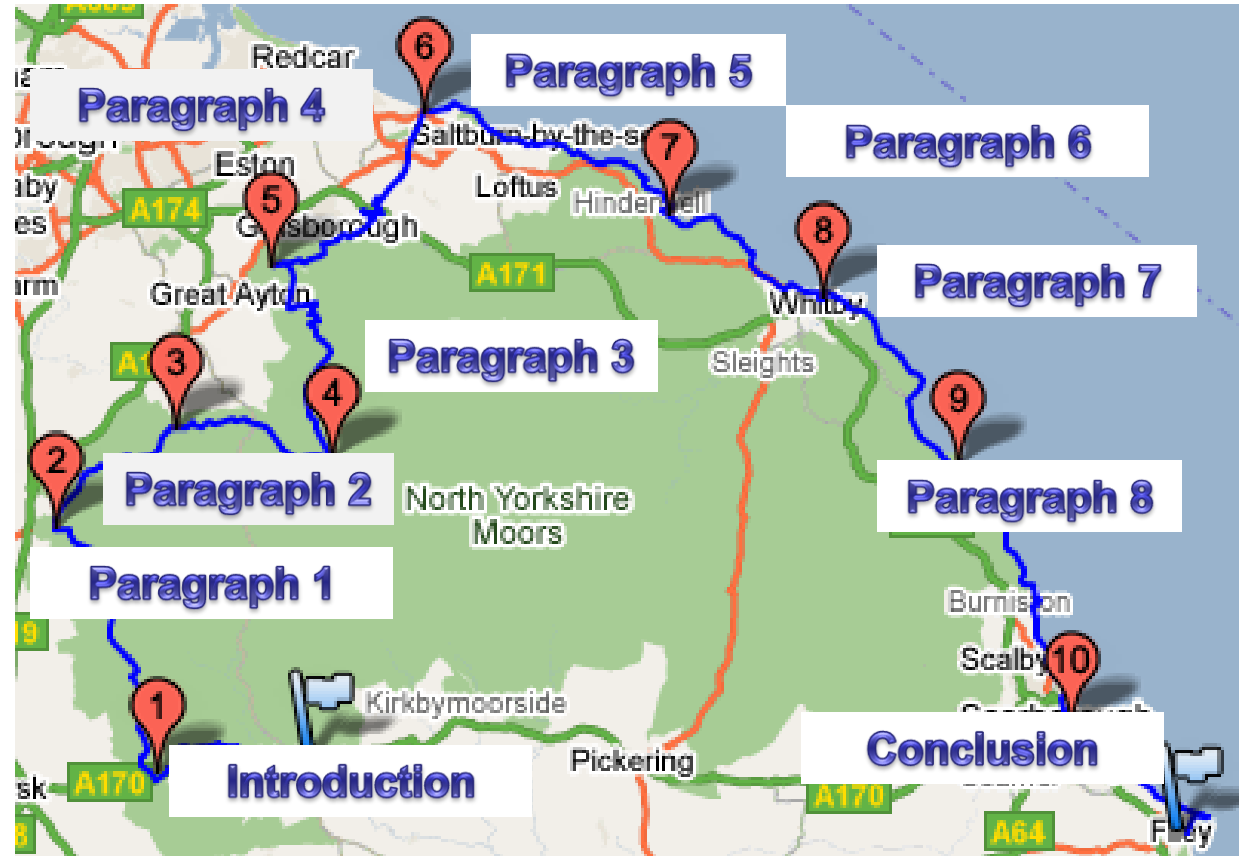


**Preparing for a piece of writing is the same.**

**Spending 5 minutes planning your main ideas puts you in control.**

**There are many types of writing BUT there will always be:**

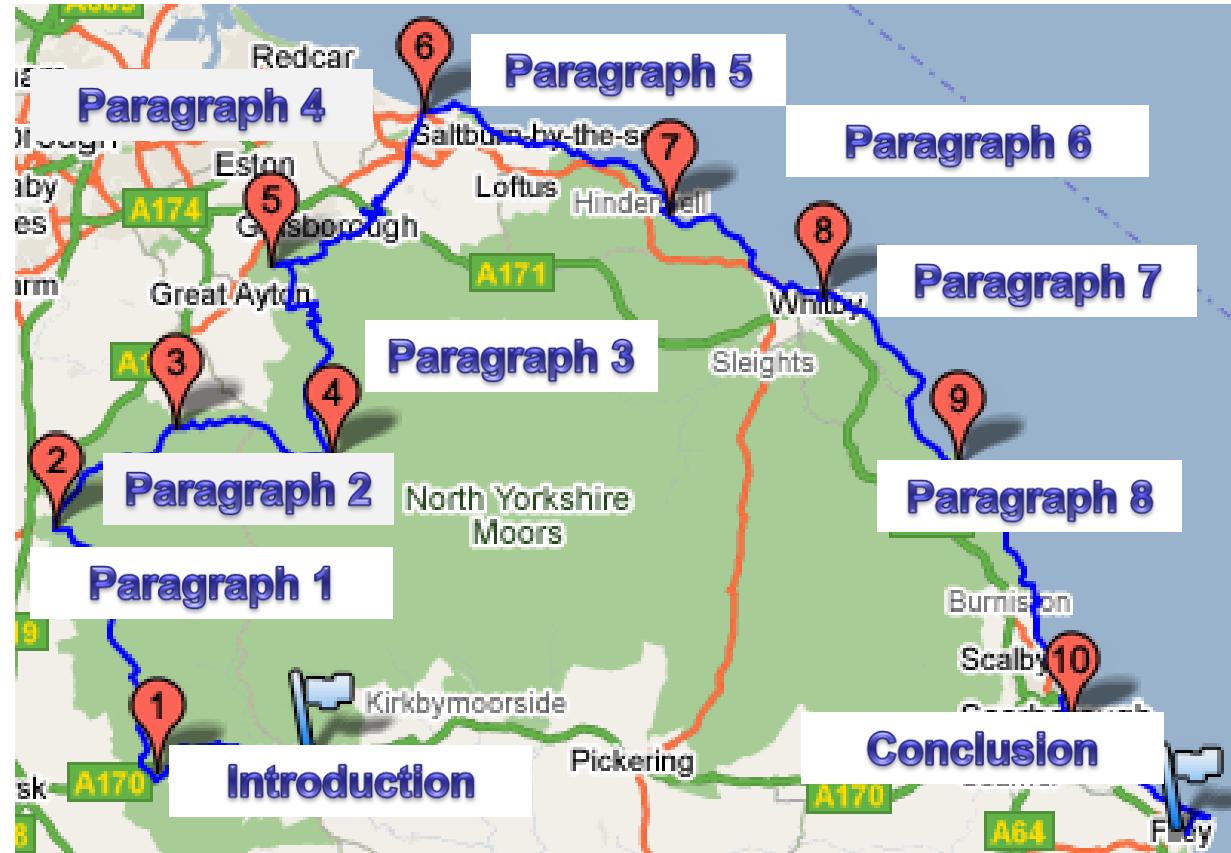
- An Introduction
- Developing Paragraphs (1,2,3...)
- A Conclusion





Imagine that you've been asked to write a reassuring guide to Thornhill Community Academy to help new students to feel welcome. How would you plan? *Jot down some ideas...*

Intro: Remember my first day  
Para 1: Making new friends  
Para 2: Lessons different to primary.  
Para 3: Getting lost (NOT)  
Para 4: ...  
Conclusion: Great place - linking back to my first day being good.





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**Remember – your planning should be neat and tidy BUT it is for your benefit and so simple notes are fine as long as you understand them.**

## **REMEMBER**

- Always plan and structure a piece of extended writing, even in a normal lesson.**
- Try out different planning techniques and find one that suits you.**
- Be in control of your writing from beginning, middle and end.**