**Writing Cause-Effect Essays**

**Writing** the Beginning Paragraph

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**Write a lead.**

Read each lead-writing strategy and example, and write your own leads related to your topic.

1. Ask a question.

What did you eat for lunch today?

1. Relate the topic to your own experience.

Last year, school lunches changed in a big way.

1. Start with a thought-provoking fact or statement.

School districts are taking a closer look at school lunches.

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