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A paragraph often has a topic sentence, supporting sentences and a summary sentence to give it a good structure. This also helps to give it unity (be about one topic only). Other qualities are cohesion (how well the sentences link together) and order (whether the sentences are in an easy-to-follow order).

X

Coffea robusta is one of the main species of coffee plant grown for coffee. *Coffea robusta* is grown at sea level where *Coffea robusta* needs to be cross-pollinated by insects. *Coffea robusta* is cheaper to grow than other coffee plants but the 'beans' of the *Coffea robusta* are not considered to be of such high quality. The choice of whether to grow *Coffea robusta* depends on the altitude of the fields and whether there are pollinators.

Y

The development of coffee fruits is slow^A. The fruit is green at first, but over the course of another few weeks it turns a cherry-red colour, and can then be harvested^B. Pollination leads to fertilisation of an egg cell to form a zygote, but then there is a delay of about 8 weeks until cell division starts^C. About 7 weeks after cell division has started, the ovaries begin to slowly swell up and form the final fruit^D. After 8 weeks the embryo then starts to form inside the seed (known as a 'bean')^E. Coffee farmers, therefore, need to care for their plants for a long time to ensure a good harvest^F.

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 - a Underline the topic sentence in paragraph X.
 - b Paragraph X has unity because it is all about the same topic: facts about *Coffea robusta*. Re-read the paragraph and list four different facts about this species of coffee.

 - c Paragraph X uses the name of the coffee plant, *Coffea robusta*, six times in one paragraph. What is the effect on the reader of repeating the name of the plant so many times?

 - d Using a pronoun (for example, 'it', 'this') or a noun phrase (for example, 'the plant') instead of the species name, *Coffea robusta*, would help improve the cohesion of paragraph X. Circle the uses of the word *Coffea robusta* where a pronoun or a noun phrase could be used instead. Which pronoun or noun phrase could you use in each instance?

- 2 In paragraph Y the sentences are not in a clear logical order. Write out the letters (at the ends of the sentences) to show a clearer order.
