

Watch the Video lesson attached to help you with this activity.

The topic sentence in a paragraph clearly states the main idea of the paragraph. It is usually at the beginning of the paragraph, but it can also be in the middle or end of it.

I am going to write 3 short paragraphs and I would like you to identify THE TOPIC of each paragraph. After that, I would like you to continue to copy three supporting sentences separately. BELOW is an example.

PARAGRAPH EXAMPLE (Teacher's answers)

Everyone should wear a life jacket when they are on a boat. Life jackets have been proven to save lives. No one can predict when an accident might happen, so being prepared for anything is important. There may not be enough time to put on a life jacket, but if you are already wearing it, you'll be safer. Having a life jacket on before getting on a boat may save your life.

TOPIC SENTENCE	Everyone should wear a life jacket when they are on a boat.
SUPPORTING IDEA #1	Life jackets have been proven to save lives.
SUPPORTING IDEA #2	No one can predict when an accident might happen, so being prepared for anything is important.
SUPPORTING IDEA #3	There may not be enough time to put on a life jacket, but if you are already wearing it, you'll be safer.
CONCLUSION	Having a life jacket on before getting on a boat may save your life.

PARAGRAPH ONE

The best trip my family ever took was to New Orleans, Louisiana. It took two days to drive there. I didn't think it would be very interesting, but I was wrong. We saw the Mississippi River, rode a horse carriage in the French Quarter, and visited a cemetery where everyone was buried above the ground. I liked the food best, especially the New Orleans doughnuts called beignets. This is a trip I will never forget.

TOPIC SENTENCE	
SUPPORTING IDEA #1	
SUPPORTING IDEA #2	
SUPPORTING IDEA #3	
CONCLUSION	

PARAGRAPH TWO

It is important to completely wash all utensils before using them. No one likes to eat with a dirty knife, fork, or spoon. Also, clean utensils won't transmit germs and bacteria. They also are more pleasant to eat with. Knowing you are eating your food with clean utensils is definitely a good thing.

TOPIC SENTENCE	
SUPPORTING IDEA #1	
SUPPORTING IDEA #2	
SUPPORTING IDEA #3	
CONCLUSION	

PARAGRAPH Three

CLB4A – Writing a paragraph (Sharing Information) – SKILL BUILDING

There are many reasons why a dog makes a great pet. First, a dog is always happy to see you when you get home. Second, they love you unconditionally, which is a really nice thing when you are having a bad day. All they need is to be loved, fed, and walked. Finally, they are easy to train. So, any effort you put into them is well worth it in the amount of love and friendship that is returned.

TOPIC SENTENCE	
SUPPORTING IDEA #1	
SUPPORTING IDEA #2	
SUPPORTING IDEA #3	
CONCLUSION	