

Read the model paragraph below. Then answer the questions.

COSTA RICA

Costa Rica is great place to spend a vacation for two reasons. First of all, Costa Rica has an excellent system of national parks where visitors can observe nature. For example, in Tortuguero National Park, visitors can watch sea turtles come back several months later to see the new babies crawl down to the sea. In Santa Rosa National Park, visitors can see unusual birds such as toucans and quetzals and exotic animals like spider monkeys. Second, Costa Rica has many beautiful beaches. For instance, the beaches at Manuel Antonio National Park are among the most beautiful in the world, and the beaches on Canoa and Cocos Islands offer perfect conditions for snorkeling and scuba diving. Indeed, Costa Rica is a wonderful place to go if you love the outdoors.

1. What is the title of this paragraph?

2. What is the topic sentence? What information does it give you?

3. How many supporting ideas are there?

4. How many examples are given for each idea? What words tell you that these are examples?

5. What is the concluding sentence?