

## Missing Topics

A topic sentence is also called the main idea.

Read the group of sentences and choose the sentence that best gives the main idea in each one.

**a) Guinea pigs are social and require daily interaction.**

**b) Guinea pigs make good pets.**

One reason is that guinea pigs do not usually bite. Second, guinea pigs do not make as much noise as other rodents might during the night. Last, they are large enough that they can be found if they ever get lost in a house.

**a) It is easy to make a peanut butter and banana sandwich.**

**b) We all like peanut butter sandwich with banana.**

First, spread peanut butter on two pieces of bread. Next, cut a banana into slices and lay them on top of the peanut butter. Then close the two pieces of bread into a sandwich. Last, eat up!

**a) Frogs are different from toads.**

**b) I like more frogs than toads.**

Frogs usually have longer legs and wetter skin than toads do. Many frogs live near a water source of some kind while toads prefer a damp, muddy environment. Frog eggs and toad eggs are different in shape.

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