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Circle the topic in these sentences.

1. Potatoes are good for you.
2. There are many kinds of rice.
3. The hamburger is a popular food in America.
4. People all around the world drink tea.
5. Bread is the poor man's food.
6. Corn is an important food in Mexico.

## EXERCISE 2

Underline the controlling idea in these topic sentences.

1. Bread is an important part of our diet.
2. Bread plays an important part in our religion.
3. Potatoes are easy to grow.
4. Potatoes are the basic food of the Irish.
5. French fries are popular all over the world.
6. Rice is an important part of people's diets in Asia.

## EXERCISE 3

Decide which of the two sentences, *a* or *b*, is a fact. Circle the letter of your answer.

1. **a.** Rice is a cereal.  
**b.** In some countries, people eat too much rice.
2. **a.** Potatoes are good for you.  
**b.** The potato is a vegetable.
3. **a.** Rice contains starch.  
**b.** Rice should be cooked in a special pot.
4. **a.** Drinking coffee helps you concentrate.  
**b.** Coffee is made from coffee beans.