

Topic Sentence Practice 2

Here are some paragraphs. Each is missing the first sentence called the **topic sentence**.

Which is the topic sentence of each paragraph? Read carefully and notice the structure of the paragraph before you answer.

1) Paragraph 1

- a) Musical instruments like the drum and the guitar are good for everyone to learn.
- b) Having fun and getting practise in your hobby are good reasons for learning a musical instrument.
- c) Some main reasons for learning musical instruments are for fun, as a hobby and to improve intelligence.

Playing musical instruments can be fun. Some people want to play guitar to enjoy time with their friends or a musical band. Another purpose is to pursue a hobby. Playing a musical instrument well requires time and effort to develop the skill. People feel satisfied when they learn skills and can see themselves getting better at playing the instrument which is their hobby. For some people a musical instrument connects them to their culture. Specific instruments like the guitar in Spain or the drum in the Middle East or Africa is a central part of being part of the culture. People can also learn musical instruments to make themselves smarter. We know from research that playing a musical instrument often comes with benefits to intelligence. Overall, there is more than one reason that people choose to learn a musical instrument.

2) Paragraph 2

- a) Dinosaurs were different from lizards in size, leg position and temperature control.
- b) Ancient dinosaurs and modern day lizards are very different.
- c) Dinosaurs were very large and controlled their own temperatures.

One difference is size. Modern lizards are small, but generally dinosaurs were bigger than most animals on the Earth today. Second, a dinosaur had legs on the bottom of their bodies. The legs of lizards come out of their sides. That meant that dinosaurs could stand up on their back legs. The third important difference is in temperature control. Lizards use the environment to control their temperature. For example, they lie in the sun to warm their blood. Only after that can they move. Dinosaurs controlled their own temperatures. It may seem that they were very similar, but in fact there are many important differences between them.

3) Paragraph 3

- a) Exercise is important for all people in the world especially older people who tend to get fat.
- b) Exercise is an excellent choice for the human body and mind.
- c) Exercise brings benefits for appearance, energy, heart health and stress.

First, we will certainly look better. If you exercise, you keep yourself looking slim. Second, we think we will be tired because of exercise, but in fact exercise gives people extra energy. You can walk up a steep hill or climb stairs. Also, there are improvements for your heart. A strong heart means you will live longer. Finally, exercise reduces stress. This means you will sleep better and be able to concentrate better on your tasks. Overall, there are many good reasons for exercising.