

2 Each paragraph is missing a topic sentence. Choose the topic sentence that best fits the paragraph.

1. Daniel suffered an epileptic seizure when he was very young, which may be the cause of his savant abilities. Soon after, when he was four, his mother gave him a counting book, and his love of mathematics was born. From an early age, he has been able to solve complicated mathematical problems in his head. Recently, he has been able to memorize pi to 22,514 digits.
 - a. Daniel Tammet is very good at math and has a great memory.
 - b. Daniel Tammet is an autistic savant with exceptional memory and mathematical abilities.
 - c. Daniel Tammet is an autistic savant who loves solving mathematical problems.
2. What Levitin has found is that it appears that 10,000 hours of practice are required to reach world-class expertise in any field. In fact, he has found no world-class expert who has not put in at least that many hours of preparation. He believes that this is because it takes that much time for the brain to assimilate everything necessary to reach this level of expertise.
 - a. Daniel Levitin, a neurologist, has extensively studied what is needed to reach success.
 - b. Reaching world-class expertise requires a lot of time and practice.
 - c. Daniel Levitin believes that it takes the brain a long time to assimilate the information necessary to be an expert.
3. Parents create these hothouse kids because they are attempting to create a “genius.” They may begin by playing classical music for the hothouse child when he or she is still in the crib. The parents start working with their children on math and language skills at an early age, using flashcards. They also enroll their children in music and dance lessons, often as early as age three or four. In addition, they try to get their kids into the most academically challenging preschools.
 - a. Hothouse kids learn math and music at an early age.
 - b. Parents take a variety of approaches to ensure that their kids become geniuses and can get into the best preschools.
 - c. “Hothouse kids” is a term used to define children whose parents push them to learn more quickly and earlier than a “typical” child by providing a rich educational environment.