

Topic Sentence Homework Practice

Directions: Read the following paragraphs and answer the questions that follow.

1 The Earth has three main layers that are each very different. 2 First, is the crust, or the outermost layer. 3 This is the layer that we live on. 4 Next, there is the mantle. 5 It is the largest layer of Earth and is composed of very hot, dense rock. 6 Finally, you have the core. 7 The core is very hot and made of metals.

1.) Which of the following sentences is the best example of a topic sentence?

- A.) 2
- B.) 1
- C.) 4
- D.) 3

1 There are three ways to conserve water at home. 2 One way is to turn off the water when you brush your teeth. 3 Another way is to take shorter showers. 4 A third is to not let the water run when you wash your hands. 5 Fill the sink and plug it up. 6 Saving water is easy!

2.) Which of the following sentences is the best example of a topic sentence?

- A.) 1
- B.) 2
- C.) 3
- D.) 4

1 Have you ever had a pet that you loved very much? 2 My first pet was a dog named Rufus. 3 Rufus was small and cuddly. 4 His fur was black, brown, and tan. 5 His favorite activity was curling up in my lap. 6 Rufus was very lovable and I miss his snuggles every day.

3.) Which of the following sentences is the best example of a topic sentence?

- A.) 4
- B.) 3
- C.) 2
- D.) 1

Directions: Find the missing topic sentence! Each of the following paragraphs are missing a topic sentence! Read the paragraphs and select the best topic sentence!

4.) Recycling is the process of converting old products into something new. We make products from natural resources, such as trees, and turn them into something we need. These resources sometimes grow back slowly, if at all. When you recycle, you are helping to save these precious resources. Another benefit of recycling is that it helps reduce the amount of waste that goes into landfills.

- a. Recycling is important to preserving our planet's future.
- b. I like to recycle.
- c. Trees are natural resources.
- d. Everyone should recycle.

5.) Year round schooling means students attend classes all throughout the year but they have shorter, more frequent breaks. Some believe this is valuable because it keeps the learning process going. During the long summer vacation, students can forget what they have learned. When the school year starts back up again, teachers often have to reteach some things covered last year. Year round schools don't have such long gaps, meaning students are less likely to forget. This is why we should have year round schools.

- a. Year round schools never take any breaks.

- b. Summer breaks make students forget what they learned.
- c. I like year round schools.
- d. Having school year round would be beneficial to students.