

## Topic Sentence

1. Read the paragraph and look at the underlined sentence. This is the topic sentence.

My favourite drink is tea and I drink a lot of it. I always have tea in the morning for breakfast. I make a pot of tea and then I drink it all myself. Sometimes I have another pot before lunch. At four o'clock, I make a cup of mint tea. Mint tea is good for waking up and studying.

A topic sentence is:

- At or near the start of the paragraph
- At the end of the paragraph
- The main idea of the paragraph
- A small detail from the paragraph
- One or two words
- A complete sentence

2. Look at the following topic sentences. Choose the best topic sentence and explain why the other sentence is weak. Write the number for the explanation according to the ideas below.

1. This is the best topic sentence.

2. It's too broad
3. It's too narrow or specific.
4. There is no strong opinion or idea.
5. There is more than one idea.

a. There are around 1 billion cars in the world today.

b. Cars have dangerous gases that contaminate the air.

Example:

a. Practicing sports in the school helps you get good grades.   
b. We practice sports in the school.

a. My city has too much traffic jams.

b. My city has many problems.

a. Many people love studying English, and also they love French.

b. Many students are studying English as a foreign language.

a. My teacher is 21 years old.

b. Young teachers are dynamic and fun in my school.

3. Read the paragraph and tick the best topic sentence.

Topic sentences:	Paragraph:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> A: Japan is a very beautiful country.</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> B: Japan, for example, makes computers.</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> C: Japan is a very important country.</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> D: Japan makes cars.</li></ul>	It produces many cars, such as Toyotas and Nissans, which it sells all over the world. It also produces electrical goods such as televisions and DVDs. Tokyo, the capital of Japan, is one of the biggest and most modern cities in the world.

What is wrong with the other topic sentences? Match them to the problems.

Problems:	Topic sentence:
It is an example.	_____
It is a smaller idea, not the main idea.	_____
It is about something different from the other sentences.	_____