

Writing Topic Sentences.

The topic sentence is the most important sentence in a paragraph.

It tells you what the paragraph is about.

The topic sentence has two parts. **The topic** and the **controlling idea**.

Write the topic sentence that matches each paragraph below.

- a. *There are forces all around us.*
- b. *Some weather systems create strong forces.*
- c. *There are two types of machines.*
- d. *Machines are very useful in agriculture*
- e. *Different types of simple machines are used in the home.*

1. _____. Everyone in the home at some time uses a simple machine - the scissors for cutting, the knife for preparing vegetables, the can opener for opening canned foods and the corkscrew for opening bottles.
2. _____. Farmers use a range of machines to prepare the land, sow seeds and reap crops. They use the plough, the tractor and the harvester. These machines save time and energy.
3. _____. A force is a push or pull. it is something that acts on an object. if a force pushes or pulls something, there are four main things that could happen. A still object may start to move. The speed of a moving object might change or the shape or size of an object may change.

4. _____ A tornado or a whirling spiral of wind can cause a huge amount of damage large tornadoes toss anything in their path - cars, buildings and trees.
5. _____ There is the simple machine and the complex machine the simple machine has few parts while the complex machine includes two or more simple machines.