

## Exercise 6

*Read the information. Then look at the IELTS Writing Task 2 question and read the sentences. Do the sentences work as topic sentences? Choose Yes or No.*

A *topic sentence* expresses the essential idea of a paragraph or section. It emphasises the key concepts of the essay and allows the reader to understand the main points quickly. In addition, it helps the writer to develop further points coherently.

In the IELTS test, the topic sentence is normally the first sentence in each paragraph. It is a short statement of what the paragraph is about.

*Some governments provide free healthcare for their citizens, but other governments do not provide any health service at all, and their citizens are expected to rely on private healthcare provision.*

*The benefits of government-provided free healthcare far outweigh the disadvantages.*

*To what extent do you agree?*

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1. As far as I am concerned, government funding for public healthcare nationwide improves local residents' quality of life.
    - ☐ Yes
    - ☐ No
  2. The introduction of private hospitals in my country has created well-paid employment in the health sector.
    - ☐ Yes
    - ☐ No
  3. If the government does not provide health insurance, then there may be more pressure on the emergency services.
    - ☐ Yes
    - ☐ No

4. Lack of government funding for healthcare causes health problems for the public.
- ☐ Yes
  - ☐ No
5. Government healthcare spending has benefited society in numerous ways.
- ☐ Yes
  - ☐ No
6. When people can choose their own healthcare, it gives them the freedom to decide how they spend their own money.
- ☐ Yes
  - ☐ No