

Topic Sentences

Exercise 1: Read the paragraph and choose the best topic sentence.

Topic sentences: A: It is summer and it rained yesterday. B: Our country is very big. C: I like the weather in our country. D: It can get to 50°C, for example.	Paragraph: _____ It doesn't rain very often in summer or winter. The sun usually shines all day. In winter, it can get cold in the desert, but in summer it is hot in the desert and in the cities. I love hot weather.
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What is wrong with the other topic sentences? Match them to the problems.

Problems: It is an example. It is not general. It is about something different from the other sentences.	Topic sentence: _____ _____ _____
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Exercise 2: Which is the correct second sentence of the paragraph after the topic sentences?

Paragraph 1: Some people don't like fast food restaurants... A: For example, there are Indian restaurants and many different fast food restaurants. B: They say the quality of food in these restaurants is suspect. C: The service offered has been subject to much analysis and debate.
Paragraph 2: There are lots of different types of restaurants in our city. A: For example, there are Indian restaurants and many different fast food restaurants. B: They say the quality of the food in these restaurants is suspect. C: The service offered has been subject to much analysis and debate.

Exercise 3: Read the two topic sentences. Place the other sentences in order below the correct topic sentences

1. I like doing different kinds of sport. 2. 3. 4. Doing sports brings a wealth of benefits to those who do them. I also like running and cycling in a group.	1. Sport is good for you in different ways. 2. 3. 4. Sport also keeps you fit and healthy. For example, I play basketball a lot, and I like it because I enjoy team games.
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Topic and concluding sentences 2

Firstly, you learn to work in a team, and it helps you to be more confident.	So you can see I enjoy many sports.
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Concluding sentences

Exercise 1: Read the paragraph and choose the best concluding sentence.

Concluding sentences: A: He is very good at football. B: I study Business at college. C: For example, I will see him next week. D: He will always be my best friend.	Paragraph: Saif is my best friend. I met him at school when we were seven. We were in the same class for ten years! After school, I went to college and Saif started working in a bank. Now he lives in a different city but we see each other every month.
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What is wrong with the other topic sentences? Match them to the problems.

Problems: It gives new information about the topic. It gives another example. It is not about the main point.	Topic sentence: _____ _____ _____
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Read the topic sentences (TS). Match the supporting sentences (SS) then write a concluding sentence (CS) for each paragraph.

TS I enjoy studying at college. SS1 SS2 CS	TS Everyone should go to college. SS1 SS2 CS
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A. You also meet new students and teachers, and you learn to be more confident by having different interactions with them on a daily basis.	D. English, Math and Engineering tend to be seen as scary subjects by some, but I've learned to appreciate and study them for twenty hours a week.
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Topic and concluding sentences 2

B. My favourite subject is English because the teacher is very inspirational in how she engages with all her students. C. College can many open doors for anyone willing to raise their hand and knock.	E. If one can learn to invest the proper time and discover the more positive aspects of what they study, the act of studying need not be a chore. F. Firstly, you can learn to develop your critical thinking skills in college, which will serve you well later in life.
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