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Writing Topic Sentences

Decide what each of the following paragraphs is about. Then write a topic sentence.

Make sure your topic sentence is general enough.

1. _____
First of all, the plumbing doesn't work properly and the landlord refuses to fix it. I also have noisy neighbors who keep me up every night. Furthermore, there are so many bugs in my apartment that I could start an insect collection.

2. _____
He had collected stamps and coins ever since he was a child. He is very proud of his valuable collections. He also enjoys painting and drawing. Recently he has become interested in gardening. Out of all his hobbies, Paul's favorite one is reading. He tries to read at least one book every week.

3. _____
First of all, the work is very interesting. I learn new things every day, and I get to travel a lot. Secondly, my boss is very nice. He is always willing to help me when I have a problem. I have also made many new friends at my job. And last, but not least, the salary is fantastic.

4. _____
Some people hijack airplanes for political reasons. Others do it for financial reasons. Still others hijack airplanes because they want to be famous.