

## Writing Thesis Statements

A **thesis statement** is one sentence that establishes the focus of your essay. It should have a TOPIC, CLAIM, and at least 2 SUBTOPICS.

### Example Activity

**Topic:** You have won the lottery and can choose to travel anywhere in the world. Write about one place you would like to visit and explain why you would like to travel there.

**Supports:**

1. I would travel to France because I love **French food**.
2. **Paris** is one of the most beautiful cities in the world and I would like to see it.

**Thesis Statement:** If I won the lottery and could travel anywhere in the world, I would travel to France because I love **French food** and want to see **Paris**.

**Exercise Directions:** Create a thesis statement based on the following information.

**Topic 1:** Education is important to have.

**Supports:**

1. It could enable one to get a better paying job.
2. It makes a person a more interesting individual.

**Thesis Statement:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Topic 2:** Soccer is a sport for everyone.

**Supports:**

1. It is not limited to any age group.
2. It does not require any expensive equipment.

**Thesis Statement:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Topic 3:** Young children require a lot of care.

**Supports:**

- 1. You must provide for their physical needs.
- 2. You must help them grow mentally.

**Thesis Statement:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Topic 4:** Driving a car is an important responsibility.

**Supports:**

- 1.
- 2.

**Thesis Statement:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Topic 5:** You just won a million dollars. What would you spend it on? Write about what you would do with the money and why.

**Supports:**

- 1.
- 2.

**Thesis Statement:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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