



Try These Topics



Writing a topic sentence takes thought because your entire paragraph must follow the main idea.



Write a topic sentence for each subject.

1. My Chores

2. The Best Book Ever

3. My Favorite After-School Activity

4. Appropriate TV Shows for Kids

5. Types of Coins

6. Our Greatest Presidents



That Drives Me Crazy!



The sentences that follow the topic sentence tell more about the topic. They are called **supporting sentences**.

Read the paragraph below. Cross out the three sentences that do not support the topic.

My Pet Peeves

I am a pretty agreeable person, but there are a few things around my house that drive me crazy. One such thing is when my younger brothers go into my bedroom and destroy my building creations. My three-year-old brothers both have blonde hair. I also get upset when my sister sings at the dinner table. Her favorite sport is gymnastics. My greatest pet peeve is when my older brother taps his pencil on the kitchen table while I am studying spelling words. I wish I had a fish tank in my room. My brothers and sister are really great, but there are moments when they make me crazy!



Rewrite the paragraph above skipping the sentences that you crossed out. The new paragraph should have one topic sentence followed by the supporting sentences.

Name _____



Do You Agree?



The supporting sentences in a paragraph tell more about the topic.

Write three supporting sentences to complete each paragraph.

Shorter Weeks

I think the school week should be shortened to four days for three reasons. The first reason is _____

_____ Another reason is _____

_____ The last reason is _____

_____ I think four-day weeks just make more sense!

Looking Back:

Now proofread your paragraph for:

capital letters and periods

complete sentences

describing words

sentences that support the topic



On another piece of paper, write a paragraph that begins with this topic sentence:
I think I should be able to stay up later for three reasons.

A Great Trick



The supporting sentences should be in an order that makes sense.

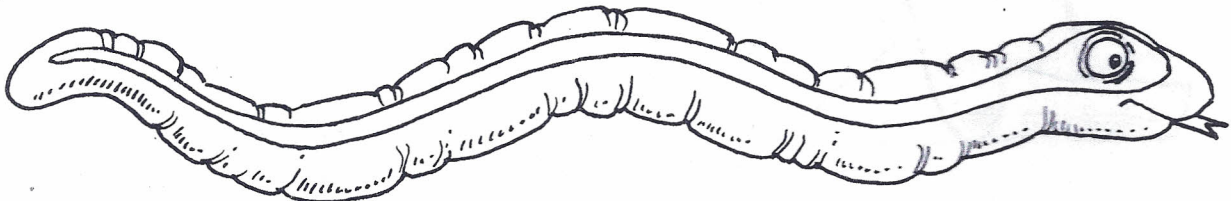
Read the topic sentence, then number the supporting ideas first (1) to last (4).

Last week I played a great trick on my mom.

- _____ won a huge rubber snake
- _____ went to a carnival
- _____ called my mom outside
- _____ put snake in my mom's flower garden



Now use the topic sentence and ideas in the correct order to write a paragraph telling the story. Be sure to use complete sentences.



Think of a trick you have played on someone. On another piece of paper, write a topic sentence and three supporting sentences about the trick.