

Writing Topic Sentences

What is a Topic Sentence?

A topic sentence tells the main idea of a paragraph. It usually comes at the beginning and helps the reader understand what the paragraph will be about.

Activity 1: Choose the Best Topic Sentence

Directions: Read the paragraph. Circle the best topic sentence.

Paragraph:

I usually wake up early on weekdays. First, I make coffee and eat a small breakfast. Then I take the bus to work at 7:30. I like to arrive on time so I can start my day calmly.

Which is the best topic sentence?

- A. I drink coffee every morning.
- B. My weekday morning routine is busy but organized.
- C. The bus is sometimes late.

Correct answer: **B**

Activity 2: Choose the Best Topic Sentence

Directions: Read the paragraph. Circle the best topic sentence.

Paragraph:

Learning English has helped me in many ways. I can now speak to my child's teacher with confidence. I can understand my manager at work more clearly. I also feel more comfortable talking to people in my community.

Which is the best topic sentence?

- A. My manager speaks English at work.
- B. English is a difficult language.
- C. Learning English has improved my daily life.

Correct answer: **C**

Activity 3: Write Your Own Topic Sentence

Directions: Read the paragraph. Write a good topic sentence on the line.

Paragraph:

On Saturdays, I usually go grocery shopping in the morning. After that, I clean my apartment and do laundry. In the evening, I like to relax and watch a movie with my family.

Your topic sentence:

(Example answer: My Saturdays are usually busy but productive.)

Activity 4: Write Your Own Topic Sentence

Directions: Read the paragraph. Write a good topic sentence on the line.

Paragraph:

When I first arrived in the United States, everything felt new and confusing. I did not understand the transportation system. I was nervous to speak English in public. Over time, I learned to feel more comfortable.

Your topic sentence:

(Example answer: Moving to a new country was a challenging experience for me.)