

TOPIC SENTENCES

Each paragraph must have a topic sentence to identify the subject of the paragraph and to inform the reader about the writer's purpose for the paragraph. The topic sentence is usually the first sentence of the paragraph and serves as an introduction.

An effective topic sentence has two parts:

1. a limited topic (Topic)
2. an opinion or idea about the subject

The topic+ the idea about the topic or an explanation about the topic

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In addition, a topic sentence must present an idea that can be developed and supported with examples and details. A mere statement of fact is not suitable because there will be little to say to develop the idea.

-What is the difference between a topic and a main idea?

Topic The topic is the general subject of a paragraph or essay. Topics are simple and are described with just a word or a phrase.

Main Idea The main idea is a complete sentence; it includes the topic and what the author wants to say about it. If the author states the main idea in his paragraph it is called a "topic sentence."

-How to find the Topic • Ask yourself, "Who or what is the paragraph (or article) about?" or "What is the author teaching me about?"

Topic: growing up in a small town

Correct Main Idea: There are several advantages to growing up in a small town

-How to write a suitable topic sentence:

First look at the example " Michael Jackson" is a "Topic" , the first sentence is suitable and the second is unsuitable.

Suitable topic sentence: Michael Jackson is an unstable pop star.

It is possible to support this opinion with examples about Jackson's lack of stability.

Unsuitable topic sentence: Michael Jackson is a pop star.

This is a fact; it does not require further support and will not permit development in a paragraph.

To write an effective topic sentence, limit your subject to a single aspect of a single subject. Do not try to write about every aspect of football; instead, write about the quarterback or the training or the shoes. Instead of writing about every aspect of computers, write about spreadsheets or web page design.

After you limit your subject, think about possible opinions that you can express about the subject.

Perhaps you think the quarterback is the least important player of the football team or that the training is done under dangerous conditions. You might feel that a certain web page has too many colors or it difficult to use.

Combine your limited subject and your opinion to create a topic sentence for your paragraph:

**The quarterback is the least important player on a football team.
Football training is performed under very dangerous conditions.**

The following are weak topic sentences:

1. Canada shares a border with the United States.
 - **Too narrow.** A fact cannot be a topic sentence because it does not contain an idea that can be developed.
2. Studying is difficult.
 - **Too broad.** This sentence needs to be more specific. Studying what? Difficult for whom?
3. Why traditional values are disappearing
 - **Incomplete sentence.** While this may be a good topic, it is not a topic sentence because it is grammatically incomplete.
4. I would like to discuss in this paragraph the growing concern about air pollution in my city.
 - **Do not announce your topic or intentions.**

-More examples

Unsuitable announcement in topic sentence: This writer believes that the football team does not really need a quarterback.

Better topic sentence: A football team does not need a quarterback to win games.

After you have written your topic sentence, you are ready to develop support for the rest of the paragraph

Practice

Read the topic sentences below. Draw one line under the limited topic and two lines under the opinion about the topic.

Example: My mother worries about trivial details.

1. Peanut butter is less nutritious than advertisers say it is.
2. My neighbors neglect their dog.
3. A college degree is not necessary for all high-paying jobs.
4. Good writing skills can improve job promotion opportunities.
5. Summers in Virginia are uncomfortably humid.

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1. Team **sports** have attracted young people in different countries.
Participating in **sports** lead to better fitness level.

2. **Writing** is an important language skill which needs plenty of practice to develop.
Writing is an important skill for several reasons.

3-**Forests** are among the most important natural resources that need protection .

There are three major types of **forests**.

4- **Smoking** has put the life of millions of people in danger all over the world.
Smoking is very dangerous for young people.

5-**Firefighters** are a group of brave people who provide our society with some essential services.
Becoming **firefighter** is not an easy task.

6-**Avicenna** is definitely regarded as a distinguished Iranian scientist all over the world .

7-Using **clean energy** can lower the air pollution level to a great degree.
Clean energy is energy that produces no pollution.

8- **Persian Gulf** is a huge body of water which is very rich in natural resources.
Persian Gulf is a good place to travel during Norooze.

9- **Ants** are social insects that live in colonies being some of the most successful of insects.
Ants are found everywhere in the world. (vision3 صفحه ۶۶ کتاب)

10- **The stars** are tiny points of light in the space. (vision3 صفحه ۶۶ کتاب)

11- **An online dictionary** is a dictionary that is accessible via the Internet through a web browser (vision3 صفحه ۶۷ کتاب)

12-**A hearing device** is available for some people suffering from hearing loss. (vision3 صفحه ۶۷ کتاب)

13- Oceans and lakes have much in common, but they are also quite different. (vision3 صفحه ۶۴ کتاب)

14- **A cheetah** is a wild animal from the cat family. (vision3 صفحه ۶۵ کتاب)

15- **Handicrafts** are good examples of the art and culture of a country.(vision3 صفحه ۶۵ کتاب)

16-**About fifty percent of the world's languages** have fewer than 5000 speakers. (vision3 صفحه ۶۵ کتاب)

17- **Water** is the most essential element in our life.

18-**Swimming** is one of my favorite sport.

19-**Watching TV** plays an important role in our daily lives.

Watching TV has bad influences for our life especially for children who are students.

20-**Pollution:** Air **pollution** causes global warming and acid rain.

The five major types of **pollution** include: air pollution, water pollution, soil pollution, light pollution, and noise pollution.

21-**Wildlife** plays an important role in balancing the ecosystem.

22-**Iran** is a great place to buy souvenirs .

سوال امتحان نهایی

برای هر یک از کلمات زیر یک topic sentence بنویسید. (دی ۹۷)

1- sport 2- forest 3- smoking 4- language 5- bad habits 6- ar

1-**Forests** act as a source of food, medicine and fuel for more than a billion people. (پاسخ پیشنهادی)

2-**Smoking** is directly connected to dangerous health problems. (پاسخ پیشنهادی)

3-**Language** is a system of communication consisting of sounds, words, and grammar. (پاسخ پیشنهادی)

4-**Bad habits** prevent you from achieving your goals. (پاسخ پیشنهادی)

5-**Art** is an expression of our thoughts, emotions, and desires. (پاسخ پیشنهادی)

Art is what people create with imagination and skill. (vision3 صفحه ۶۵ کتاب)

6-**Sports** help teenagers to have stronger muscles. (پاسخ پیشنهادی)

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