

## **Topic Sentences**



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<u>Definition:</u> A sentence that expresses the main idea of the paragraph in which it occurs. Typically, this is the first sentence of a paragraph.

## Lesson:

In order to create a topic sentence, you need to make sure that you have a focused main idea for your paragraph. This will require you to select a broad topic for your essay and then narrow your focus for each paragraph.

## Example:

<u>Broad Topic</u> - Sports <u>Limited Topic</u> - How sports help teach children teamwork <u>Topic Sentence</u> - Organized sports teach children how to work together towards a goal.

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