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Writing Topic Sentences Exercise

A topic sentence is usually one sentence that establishes the focus of your paragraph. In an essay for most of your college classes, your topic sentences should always appear at the beginning of your body paragraphs, usually the first sentence.

Exercise Directions: Create topic sentences based on the following thesis sentences:

- 1 Thesis 1: An education helps individuals get a better paying job, makes a person a more interesting individual, and makes a person a more informed citizen.
 - A Topic Sentence 1: Receiving an education can help an individual get a higher paying job.
 - B Topic Sentence 2: Having an education makes one more knowledgeable and therefore a more interesting individual.
 - C Topic Sentence 3: Being educated leads to making a person a more informed citizen.

- 2 Thesis 2: Many people participate in the sport of bowling because it is not limited to any age group, it can be played at any time, and it does not require any expensive equipment.
 - A. Topic Sentence 1: Bowling is a sport for people in all walks of life.
 - B. Topic Sentence 2: One can play bowling at any time.
 - C. Topic Sentence 3: Bowling is one of very few sports that does not require expensive equipment to participate.

- 3 Thesis 3: While raising young children you must provide for their physical needs, provide for their emotional needs, and help them to grow mentally.
 - A Topic Sentence 1: As young children can not take care of themselves, a good caretaker must provide for a child's physical needs.

- B Topic Sentence 2: Equally as important as caring for a child’s physical needs, one must care for the child’s emotional needs.
 - C Topic Sentence 3: In order for a child to grow up happy and healthy one must encourage and facilitate the child’s mental growth.
- 4 Thesis 4: Plants, like humans, need water, sunlight, and food for healthy growth.
- A. Topic Sentence 1: An important element of plant care is ensuring one consistently and carefully waters the plant in question.
 - B. Topic Sentence 2: Sunlight is an essential factor in plant growth.
 - C. Topic Sentence 3: Some plants need extra care in the form of fertilizer supplements to the soil.
- 5 Thesis 5: Some people save pictures, certain figurines, and news articles
- A. Topic Sentence 1: Most people save photographs that are meaningful to them.
 - B. Topic Sentence 2: Many memorabilia collectors choose to collect figurines.
 - C. Topic Sentence 3: Common items for many hoarders to save are news articles and news papers.
- 6 Thesis 6: Many celebrities — including professional athletes, actors, and musicians — do not make good role models.
- A. Topic Sentence 1: Celebrities do not make good role models because they are focused on making money rather than helping others.
 - B. Topic Sentence 2: Many celebrities engage in unhealthy habits and others should not replicate that behavior within their own lives.
 - C. Topic Sentence 3: Celebrities are valued for superficial reasons that do not necessarily translate to happy and productive lives.
- 7 Thesis 7: If it were up to me to choose one item that embodies the culture of the early twenty-first century to place in a time capsule for future generations, I would choose a photograph of the earth from space for several reasons.
- A Topic Sentence 1: Firstly a photograph of the Earth from space would transcend the potential language or dialect barriers between this generation and those of the future.
 - B Topic Sentence 2: Including a photograph of the Earth from the outside would symbolize a message of connection and peace that could potentially inspire future generations.

C Topic Sentence 3: A photograph of our planet from space would demonstrate our connection to the future generations that view it.

8 Thesis 8: Despite its popularity, Facebook and other social media platforms can and has created serious problems.

A Topic Sentence 1: Social media platforms flagrantly aid the spread of misinformation.

B Topic Sentence 2: Accurate information disseminated on social media platforms can include highly sensitive personal information.

C Topic Sentence 3: Cyberbullying is a rampant issue on all social media platforms.