

TOPIC SENTENCES PLANNING MAT

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WHAT IS A TOPIC SENTENCE?

A topic sentence tells the reader what your paragraph will be about.



TOPIC SENTENCE CHECKLIST

- It tells the main idea of the paragraph.
- It is clear and specific.
- It is related to the overall topic.
- It sets up the details that follow.



PARAGRAPH FOCUS

What is this paragraph about?



Key word(s):

TOPIC SENTENCE

Write your topic sentence.

Does it...

- tell the main idea?
- be clear and specific?
- connect to the paragraph focus?

MAIN IDEAS & DETAILS

List the main ideas or details you will include in this paragraph.

1 _____

2 _____

3 _____

4 _____

LINKING WORDS

Which linking words or phrases will you use?

REMEMBER

- T** Topic sentence
- O** One main idea
- P** Prepares the reader
- I** Is clear and specific
- C** Connects to the details

TOPIC SENTENCE STARTERS

_____ is important because _____.

One reason _____ is _____.

_____ has many effects, including _____.

In this paragraph, I will explain _____.

A key point about _____ is _____.

People often think _____, but _____.



TOP TIP: Your topic sentence comes first, and your details support it!