

Lecture two

Topic sentences, Supporting details and Concluding sentences

Topic sentence is the first sentence of any paragraph or text which introduces title or topic. Topic sentence is essential in both reading and writing. It conveys main idea of a paragraph, guiding the reader and organizing the sentence, understanding how to identify and craft improve comprehension and clarity in writing. In reading topic sentences usually introduces the main idea of a paragraph. It is often found at the beginning of but can also appear later. Re-organizing topic sentence involves looking at the main idea, noting its position in the paragraph and identifying key term that relate to the theme.

In writing usually, the topic sentence should be clear and focused. It must directly convey the main idea and set the direction for the rest of the paragraph. Strong topic sentence ensures that the paragraph is well-organized and easy to follow. It also connects logically with the preceding paragraphs and the overall aspects of the essay

. In conclusion, managing the identification and creation of topic sentence is vital for effective communication. In reading it aids in understanding the main topic while in writing, it ensures clarity and coherence by focusing on clear and precise topic sentence, both writers and readers can enhance their understanding and expression of the ideas.

A topic sentence is a statement that tells what is your paragraph will be about. So it states the main idea of your paragraph

How to write a good topic sentence?

A good topic sentence does tow important things. Firstly

1-It helps you stay focused on the main idea of your paragraph.

2-It helps readers to know what your paragraph will be about

-A topic sentence should state the main idea, include or summarize reasons that support the main idea, and

- make a claim about the main idea of a paragraph.

A topic sentence has two parts that includes the topic and the controlling idea that tells what is the paragraph about.

Example of topic sentence

Let's read a topic sentence and see if we can identify the main idea(what you are writing about)(support what you think about the topic)

A healthy diet includes fruit and vegetables

What is the main idea: healthy food?

What is the support idea?

Fruit and vegetables

What claim is being made here?

For diet to be vegetable must include fruit and vegetables.

Bubble map

1-Ask what am I writing about?

The answer of this question will be your main idea

2-Ask yourself what do you know about the main idea?

The answer of this question will be your support

3-Create a bubble map

A healthy diet main idea

Vegetables

Fruit

Support idea

Can you write topic sentence using main idea? Yes

Main idea King Henry VIII was a far stronger King than George II because he demonstrated superior leadership in his decision making Support sentence

A topic sentence is like a map that tells your reader what is your paragraph about. It is a statement made to your reader.

Support sentence

Support sentence is a sentence that gives more details and additional information about the topic sentence to reinforce the main idea of a paragraph. Typically, it is located in the middle of a paragraph following the topic sentence, they lead up to the concluding sentence that wraps the paragraph focusing on the central idea of a paragraph creating strong supporting sentence. The supporting sentence make up the body of the paragraph by explaining, proving or enhancing the controlling idea in the topic sentence. Most paragraphs contain three to six supporting sentences depending on the audience and purpose for writing.

A supporting sentence usually offers one of the following:

Reason sentence

More people will buy hybrid cars in the near future since they are economical and produce less emission.

Fact sentence

Many youths now rely on their parents to support them financially.

Statistic sentence

Nearly 19 percent of adults are currently unemployed in the United States

Quotation

“We will not allow this situation to continue” stated Senator Jones.

Example sentence:

Last year; Bill was asked to retire at the age of fifty-five.

The types of supporting sentence you choose will depend on what you are writing and why you are writing?

Reason

Fact

Statistic

Quotation

Example

Example: There are numerous advantages on the hybrid car

: first they get 20 percent to 35 percent more miles to the gallon than a fuel-efficient gas-covered vehicle

Supporting sentence statistic

Second: They produce very few emission during low speed city driving. Because they do not require gas

Supporting sentence fact

More examples of supporting sentence

Concluding sentence: An effective concluding sentence draws together all the ideas you have raised in your paragraph. Concluding sentence is the last sentence in your paragraph. When you wrap your sentence you use these transitional words such as: In the final analysis, AS shown above, given these points, after all, in summary, in conclusion, to summarize, overall, to sum up, Ultimately. In concluding sentence, you must summarize the main points and drawn the conclusion.

Please search for more examples on topic sentence, concluding and supporting sentences in the internet

When you want to read or write a paragraph in English you must know how to end it; First what is the topic sentence lets go over them

Concluding sentence is sentence that ends your paragraph. It is the last paragraph and usually starts in transitional words. Also good concluding sentence reminds

the reader of the main points- the topic sentence without restating it in exactly the same words

Using the hamburger sandwich as an example: The topic part is the topic sentence

The middle is the supporting sentence and the bottom is the concluding sentence. Also a good concluding sentence typically use transitional words at the beginning it also restates the topic sentence. Leave the reader with something to think about like prediction, suggestion or opinion. So when you want to write about a strong concluding sentence think about a gift write the present inside the gift but wrap the gift with something like a ball and the concluding idea We want the readers only to read your paragraph and think about them

How to write a concluding sentence?

1-think about the topic sentence of your paragraph

2-re-state the topic of your paragraph

Exercise one:

Circle the main idea and underline the details

Yesterday, got a new coat. My new coat has a blue hood and red sleeves/My coat is very fuzzy so I stay very warm. The zipper of my coat is green. At the back. There is a picture of a snow man. I will wear my coat to school.

Topic main idea

Supporting details 1 2 3 4 5

Answers

1-My coat has a blue hood and red sleeves

2-The zipper of my coat is green

3-There is a picture of a snowman at the back

4-My coat is fuzzy.

5-I will wear my coat to school.