Writing Topic Sentences

What Makes a Good Topic Sentence?

A topic sentence is the first sentence of a paragraph that tells readers what the paragraph will be about. Think of it as a "preview" of your paragraph's content!

Key Features:

- Clear Main Idea: State exactly what your paragraph will discuss
- Specific Focus: Include enough detail to show what points you'll cover
- Appropriate Scope: Be broad enough to include all your supporting details
- Clear Structure: Use language that sets up your list, examples, or explanation

Compare These Examples:

Weak: "My room is messy."

Strong: "Three things that make my room disorganized are piles of books, scattered clothing, and unfinished craft projects."

Weak: "Sports are good."

Strong: "Playing sports offers three major benefits: improved fitness, better teamwork skills, and increased self-confidence."

Weak: "The weather affects me."

Strong: "The four seasons impact my daily routine by changing my clothing choices, outdoor activities, and energy levels."

Weak: "The park has stuff."

Strong: "Central Park features three popular attractions: a beautiful lake, well-maintained walking trails, and a modern playground."

Complete these topic sentences.







1. Three healthy and nutritious foods I like to eat are _____







2. _____ are animated movies, horror movies and romantic movies.







3. Many female students dream of being _____







4. The three most popular travel options in my country are _____







5. _____ that really annoy me: _____







6. _____ notebook computer for three main activities: _____