

Topic Sentences & Controlling Ideas.

1) Circle the topic of the sentence, underline the controlling idea.

Example: Indonesia is a very interesting country to visit.

- a) Dogs make excellent pets.
- b) A really good place to study is the library at my school.
- c) Learning a second language creates job opportunities.
- d) Football is my favourite sport because it is exciting to watch.
- e) One of the most valuable tools for students is the computer.
- f) My sister and I have very different personalities.
- g) Summer is the best time to travel in my country.
- h) My hometown is a friendly place to visit.

2) For each of the paragraphs, choose the sentence from the list below that would make the best topic sentence.

a) _____
_____. When Ken wanted to enter a good university, he had to study hard to pass the examination. The first time he took the exam, he did not do well, and he felt very discouraged. But he knew he wanted to study at that university, so he studied more. The next year, he tried to take the exam again. The second time, he did very well, and now he is studying engineering. I believe Ken is a good role model for me, and he has taught me that never giving up is the best way to succeed.

- i) One of my closest friends, named Ken, is a person I can trust.
- ii) My friend Ken is a very successful student.
- iii) I admire my friend Ken because he doesn't give up.

b) _____
_____. Many children begin learning to play football when they are very young. You often can see them playing at school or in the streets around their houses. In high school, students may play football for a team and compete in tournaments. If a player is very good, he might go on to play for a professional team. People in my country love to watch football on T.V. and also go to games whenever they can. Many people have a favourite team or player, and everyone loves to talk about matches and competitions. Football is really like a national sport in my country.

- i) I love to play football, and I hope I can become a professional player one day.
- ii) There are many popular sports in my country, but the most popular sport is football.
- iii) Football is a difficult sport to learn to play well.

3) Write a topic sentence for three of these topics.

- a) A favourite place to relax.
- b) A grandparent.
- c) A pet I have known.
- d) A favourite food to eat.
- e) Playing a musical instrument.

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