

Fix the Topic Sentence

A weak topic sentence announces the topic or says almost nothing about it. A strong one names the topic and tells the main point.

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Details

- He learns new tricks in a day.
- He opens the back door with his paw.
- He finds his ball wherever I hide it.

2. Weak: This paragraph is about winter.

Details

- We sled down the big hill.
- We build snow forts in the yard.
- We skate on the frozen pond.

3. Weak: Pizza is good.

Details

- You can pick your own toppings.
- It is easy to share with friends.
- You can eat it with your hands.

4. Weak: Here are some facts about the Sun.

Details

- It gives plants the light they need to grow.
- It warms the land and the sea.
- It lights our days.

Fix the Topic Sentence: Answer Key

Answers will vary. Examples are shown. A strong answer names the topic, makes a point, and fits all three details.

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Example: My dog is the smartest pet I know.

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Example: Winter is full of fun things to do outside.

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Details

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Example: Pizza is the perfect food for a party.

4. Weak: Here are some facts about the Sun.

Details

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Example: Life on Earth depends on the Sun.