

Topic Sentences Quiz

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Example: Polar bears are built for the cold.

1 point for naming the topic, 1 point for a main point that fits all three details.