

Write the Topic Sentence

These paragraphs have details but no topic sentence. Ask: what is the main point of all the details together?

A Write a topic sentence on the lines at the start of each paragraph.

The Storm

In the morning, the sky turned dark and the wind began to howl. By noon, rain was pouring off the roof like a waterfall. That night, thunder shook the windows and the lights went out.

Earthworms

Earthworms dig tunnels that let air and water into the soil. They eat dead leaves and turn them into food for plants. Their tunnels also give roots room to grow.

Dog Bath

First, fill a tub with warm water. Next, rub shampoo into the dog's fur. Last, rinse the soap away and dry the dog with a towel.

Giraffes

A giraffe's neck is long enough to reach leaves at the tops of trees. Its long legs cover the ground in giant steps. Even its tongue is long, so it can curl around a branch and pull the leaves off.

B Check each topic sentence you wrote.

Does it name the topic? Does it tell the main point? Does every detail fit under it?

Write the Topic Sentence: Answer Key

Answers will vary. Examples are shown. Accept any sentence that names the topic and covers all the details.

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The Storm Yesterday's storm was the biggest one I have ever seen. In the morning, the sky turned dark and the wind began to howl. By noon, rain was pouring off the roof like a waterfall. That night, thunder shook the windows and the lights went out.

Earthworms Earthworms help a garden grow. Earthworms dig tunnels that let air and water into the soil. They eat dead leaves and turn them into food for plants. Their tunnels also give roots room to grow.

Dog Bath Giving a dog a bath takes three steps. First, fill a tub with warm water. Next, rub shampoo into the dog's fur. Last, rinse the soap away and dry the dog with a towel.

Giraffes Almost everything about a giraffe is long. A giraffe's neck is long enough to reach leaves at the tops of trees. Its long legs cover the ground in giant steps. Even its tongue is long, so it can curl around a branch and pull the leaves off.

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