




Get Focused!

# Writing Topic Sentences

Great writers are focused, stay on topic, and organize their paragraphs. It is helpful to follow correct paragraph structure.

- A topic sentence tells the main idea of the paragraph or text.
- Supporting details follow the topic sentence. They give more details and evidence.
- A concluding sentence at the end of the paragraph ties it all together.

**Directions:** Read the topic, supporting details, and concluding sentence. Then, write a topic sentence on the line. An example has been done for you.

<p><b>TOPIC</b></p> <p>Topic Sentence</p> <p>Supporting Detail 1</p> <p>Supporting Detail 2</p> <p>Supporting Detail 3</p> <p>Concluding Sentence</p>	<p><b>Example: Honeybees</b> </p> <p><i>There are three types of honeybees in a hive.</i></p> <p>The queen bee, the leader, is able to lay up to 2,000 eggs in one day.</p> <p>Another type of bee is the worker bee, which gathers food.</p> <p>Last, a drone is a male bee that does not have a stinger.</p> <p>Each type of honeybee is important to the hive.</p>
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