

# Writing Topic Sentences

## Part A: Purpose of a Topic Sentence

We write topic sentences to help organize our writing so that our readers can understand it. Since paragraphs are about one main idea, we want to write a topic sentence that expresses only one main idea.

## Part B: How to Write a Topic Sentence

*A topic sentence = main idea + opinion*

**Example:** Sandwiches make the best lunches.

In this sentence, we can find the main idea and the opinion.

**Main idea:** *Sandwiches are for lunches*

**Opinion:** They are the best lunches.

Only ideas that are related to this main idea are included in the paragraph:

What this Paragraph can be about	What this paragraph is not about
<input type="checkbox"/> Reasons why they are good for lunches	<input type="checkbox"/> History of the sandwich
<input type="checkbox"/> They are cheap to make	<input type="checkbox"/> The types of people who eat sandwiches
<input type="checkbox"/> They don't take much time to make	<input type="checkbox"/> All the different types of sandwiches that can be made
<input type="checkbox"/> They can be healthy	

## Part C: Sample Topic Sentences

- ✓ Technology is very important in our lives today.
- ✓ The main character of the short story is greedy and selfish.
- ✓ Soccer is the most exciting sport for fans to watch.