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Writing Topic Sentences

Directions: Write a broad topic, Write a limited topic, Write a topic sentence for the the limited topic.

Paragraphs are groups of sentences organized around a common topic. A paragraph should begin with a topic sentence. A topic sentence, which is always complete, states the point of the paragraph directly. It is not a title, or an explanation of what the writer is going to write. The topic sentence should focus the reader's attention on the points the writer is trying to make in the paragraph.

Example:

Topic: Sports

Limited Topic: How sports help teach young children teamwork.

Topic Sentence: Organized sports teach children how to work together towards a goal.

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Limited Topic: reptiles as pets

Circle the best topic sentence.

This paragraph is about reptiles as pets.

Many people keep reptiles, such as snakes and lizards, as pets.

Reptiles are wild animals and need a heat lamp.