

**Supporting Details:** Supporting details provide evidence for a topic sentence. Details such as facts, examples, statistics, definitions, quotations, paraphrases, and reasons help explain, describe, and clarify a topic sentence. Coherence is created when sentences are logically ordered and are held together with logical transitions. [Click this link for examples](https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/general_writing/academic_writing/paragraphs_and_paragraphing/index.html).

**Thesis Statement**: A thesis is a main idea and the answer to a question. The thesis makes a claim that a reasonable person can oppose, and the claim is supported in each body paragraph. The thesis is usually the last sentence in the introduction and provides a focus and a purpose. [Click this link for examples](https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/general_writing/the_writing_process/thesis_statement_tips.html#:~:text=Example%20of%20an%20expository%20(explanatory,class%2C%20and%20socializing%20with%20peers).

**Topic Sentence**: A topic sentence is the main idea of a paragraph and is usually a single sentence at the beginning of the paragraph. Every paragraph should contain one topic sentence that is supported throughout the paragraph and thus creates unity. A topic sentence supports the thesis. [Click this link for examples](https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/general_writing/academic_writing/paragraphs_and_paragraphing/index.html).

**Topic Sentence: (is the answer to the How? or Why? question):**

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**Topic Sentence (is the answer to the How? or Why? question):**

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**Thesis Statement (answers the How? or Why? question):**

**Let’s Apply!**

Thesis Statement, Topic Sentences,

and Supporting Details