

TOPIC SENTENCES

Topic sentences are sentences that tell the reader what the topic/main idea of the paragraph is. A topic sentence is like a sub-heading in the form of a sentence. It is usually the first sentence of the paragraph. Like a sub-heading, it is short and general. The details follow in the rest of the paragraph. These details all expand on the topic sentence.

Why have topic sentences?

- Firstly, they make reading easier as the reader doesn't have to keep figuring out what the main idea of a paragraph is.
- Secondly, they make one's writing more organised and structured and thirdly, together they make the logical flow of ideas clear.



More information on Topic Sentences can be found at the following address:

http://www.materialbank.co.za/uploads/SupportList/LANG_HOSPL2_SUPLES_11%20Topic%20sentences%20Ed.