

Writing Strong Topic Sentences

A good paragraph begins with a strong topic sentence. Here are some ideas that might help write a strong topic sentence.

Make a list:

List the ideas that the paragraph will talk about.

- Pyramids, spheres, and cubes are examples of geometric objects.
- Electrical energy can be converted to heat, light, and motion.

Use a Number:

Use a number words to tell what the paragraph will be about.

- Florida's state government has three branches.
- There are several ways to solve the problem of poor eating habits.

Use Word Pairs:

Use pairs of conjunctions to connect ideas.

- Both a safe bicycle and a careful rider are necessary to avoid accidents.

Word Pairs

either....or
not only...but also
whether...or
both...and

Practice

Reread the information above. Then write three topic sentences using each of the ideas listed.