

Topic Sentences

A topic sentence:

- includes the reason for writing
- shows the main idea: what the writer will prove or explain

Topic sentences:

- ◆ Are used in information paragraphs and reports.
- ◆ Can be very short.
 - I love to ride my bike.
- ◆ Can be long.
 - After school and on the weekends, I spend lots of time enjoying my bike.
- ◆ Are used for writing in all subjects.
 - Math: Today I learned about subtraction.
 - Science: Our experiment with salt, sugar, and water showed two facts about evaporation.
 - Social Studies: Many people work in our city.
 - Language Arts: The movie and book called *Charlotte's Web* are alike but not exactly the same.