

# PARAGRAPH REVIEW WS – 2

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Date \_\_\_\_\_ Period \_\_\_\_\_

*The main idea of a paragraph is usually stated in the topic sentence. A topic sentence states both the topic and the idea about the topic that is discussed in the paragraph. A topic sentence should not contain a supporting detail.*

**PART I:** One sentence in each of the following pairs would make a good topic sentence. The other sentence would make a good supporting detail. Write TS for the topic sentence and SD for the supporting detail sentence.

Example: TS My friends and I enjoy playing soccer during lunch time.

SD Most of the time I play forward.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Last Saturday I went to the state fair.  
\_\_\_\_\_ I won a stuffed bear at one of the stands.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Davy Crockett was a famous frontiersman.  
\_\_\_\_\_ He could track deer even in the snow.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ Now he can make Italian bread, tomato sauce, and spaghetti.  
\_\_\_\_\_ Steve's mother is teaching him how to cook.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ The flower garden was a riot of color.  
\_\_\_\_\_ The lavender roses caught everyone's eye.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ First, make sure that you are wearing comfortable shoes.  
\_\_\_\_\_ Going on a hike can be fun if you are prepared.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ Books tell us all kinds of interesting things.  
\_\_\_\_\_ Some of them describe how people live in other lands.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ My brother is getting used to being a cadet at West Point.  
\_\_\_\_\_ He's having trouble getting up so early in the morning.
8. \_\_\_\_\_ In fact, they are dry and smooth.  
\_\_\_\_\_ Snakes are not slimy creatures.
9. \_\_\_\_\_ I was so excited when Mom bought me a new sewing machine.  
\_\_\_\_\_ The first thing I'm going to make is a blouse.
10. \_\_\_\_\_ I can do the back stroke, the breast stroke, and the Australian crawl.  
\_\_\_\_\_ After years of lessons I can finally swim very well.

**PART II:** Each group of a title and three sentences contains one *strong* topic sentence. Circle the letter of the best topic sentence.

Example: *Jack O' Lanterns*

- a. The jack o' lantern has a fascinating history.
- b. When you carve a jack o' lantern, you need a sharp knife.
- c. My sister's jack o' lantern has crossed eyes and one tooth.

11. *Seashells*
- a. We have a triton shell on our mantelpiece.
  - b. One of the most popular beaches for shell collecting is in the United States.
  - c. There weren't many shells on the beach this summer.
12. *Hawaii*
- a. Did you know that the people who live in Hawaii are living on top of volcanoes?
  - b. Hawaii is in the Pacific Ocean.
  - c. There are five active volcanoes in Hawaii.
13. *Hovercrafts*
- a. Maybe I could build a hovercraft from a kit.
  - b. A big hovercraft can cruise at seventy miles an hour.
  - c. Hovercrafts are versatile machines that can travel on both water and land.
14. *Bananas*
- a. The banana plant looks like a tree.
  - b. Banana plants need a warm climate to grow.
  - c. Bananas are nutritious and can be prepared in many delicious ways.
15. *Bees*
- a. Some bees do not have stingers.
  - b. There are about ten thousand kinds of bees.
  - c. Drones do not gather food.
16. *Arrowheads*
- a. I will always remember the day I found my first arrowhead.
  - b. I keep it in a box on my bookcase.
  - c. Someday I hope to find another arrowhead.

**PART III:** All of the following sentences could be written in a paragraph, but they are missing a topic sentence. Write a topic sentence that would express the main idea of the paragraph.

17. a. Pizza and spaghetti are Italian.  
b. Hamburgers originated in Germany.  
c. Sushi is Japanese.  
d. Egg rolls and fortune cookies are Chinese.

Topic Sentence: \_\_\_\_\_

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18. a. Stay in bed.  
b. Take two aspirin.  
c. Drink a lot of fluids.  
d. Keep warm.  
e. Try to sleep.

Topic Sentence: \_\_\_\_\_

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