Paragraph Structure and Topic Sentences

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Remember: A topic sentence tells the reader what the paragraph is about. Supporting details explain, describe, or prove the topic sentence.

Part A: Identifying Topic Sentences

Read each paragraph. Underline the topic sentence.

> Dogs make excellent companions for families. They are loyal and protective, always looking out for their owners. Many dogs love to play with children and can be trained to behave well around the house. Additionally, caring for a dog teaches responsibility and provides daily exercise through walks.

> The library offers free computer access for two hours per day. Students can borrow up to six books at a time for three weeks. There are also study rooms available for group projects. The library is a valuable resource for our community. Special workshops on research skills are held every month.

Part B: Matching Supporting Details

Match each topic sentence with THREE supporting details that belong with it. Write the letters in the boxes.

Topic Sentence: Regular exercise provides many health benefits.

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A. It strengthens your heart and muscles
B. It helps you maintain a healthy weight
C. Many people enjoy watching television
D. It improves mood and reduces stress
E. Pizza is a popular food choice

Part C: Writing Topic Sentences

Read the supporting details. Write a topic sentence for each paragraph.

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> • You need to plan your time carefully to complete all assignments.
> • Balancing homework, sports, and hobbies can be challenging.
> • Getting enough sleep is important but often difficult to achieve.

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> • It has no natural predators in New Zealand.
> • It eats native birds' eggs and chicks.
> • It competes with native species for food and habitat.

Part D: Write Your Own Paragraph

Choose ONE topic below. Write a topic sentence and at least three supporting details to create a complete paragraph.

Topics: My favourite season | Why homework is important | A place I'd like to visit

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