

TS7 - Topic Sentences - continued

A) Identify for each of the sentences below 1) the topic and 2) the controlling idea.

B) Discuss with a partner what information you would expect in the rest of a following paragraph.

1	The government of the United States of America consists of three main branches.
2	The world-wide increase in road transport is a serious threat to the natural environment.
3	Deforestation has a direct effect on food supplies.
4	Although development in the Third World is intended to increase self-reliance, the actual result is often increased dependence on the West.
5	There is a mistaken idea that, because of pocket calculators, children no longer need to learn how to do basic arithmetic.
6	When it comes to the arts, there is a clear case for subsidy.
7	There are no grounds for subsidising the arts.
8	The British attitudes towards food are very different from the attitudes in my own country.
9	My grandfather/grandmother is/was very easy/difficult to get on with.
10	There are no justifications for any country possessing nuclear weapons.
11	There are a number of reasons to justify a country possessing nuclear weapons.
12	Hobbies provide people with many benefits.
13	Space exploration is a waste of money.
14	Fairytales are beneficial to children.
15	A wide diversity of species is essential for Man's survival.
16	Pasta in Italy is a justifiably popular staple food.
17	Mohammed Ali was the greatest boxer of all time.
18	Chess is indisputably the king of board games.
19	Driving in Korea presents foreigners with many challenges.
20	A sound understanding of economics is essential for the modern citizen.

C) Write topic sentences for the following, then add some ideas of your own:

same-sex marriage	dancing as exercise	domestic violence	the ozone layer	congestion charging
home safety	children's games	seafood	speed limits	work experience