

TS2 - More on Topic Sentences

A Give an opinion on the suitability of the following as topic sentences:	
1	Everyone can benefit from exercise.
2	Doing aerobics for thirty minutes a day will strengthen a person's cardio-vascular system by twenty-five per cent.
3	There are three reasons why one should exercise every day.

B The elements of a good topic sentence are:		
	TOPIC	CONTROLLING IDEA
	Some examples:	
1	The Grand Canyon is	a favorite vacation spot for travelers worldwide.
2		noted for its awe-inspiring panoramas.
3		an ideal place to view the geological history of the world.
4	Television is	a major source of home entertainment.
5		an effective educational tool.
6	Television	has spread enormously since its invention.

C Expand into good topic sentences:	
1	racial discrimination - workplace - waste - human resources
2	exploration - space - waste - resources - better use - elsewhere
3	children's - educational programs - superior - cartoons - young minds
4	hobbies - people - benefits
5	learning - foreign language - culture - target country
6	becoming - doctor - skills - other - medical knowledge
7	time - I spent - Peace Corps - horrendous experience
8	driving - left - drivers - new challenges
9	computing - skills - must - today's students
10	teaching children - basics - fire prevention - home - fast - easy

D Write a full topic sentence for these topics:					
1	The Decriminalization of Drugs	4	Basic First Aid	7	Graffiti
2	The Importance of Empathy	5	Dieting	8	CERN
3	Reading For Pleasure	6	Keeping a Pet	9	The Benefits of the Automobile

E How many types of paragraph can you think of?		

F What is the best sequence for the following elements of a paragraph? (Add n° above item.)			
Description of a solution	Evaluation of a solution	Description of a situation	Identification of a problem