

High-Intermediate 3
Unit 2: Writing
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Topic Sentence = the first sentence of a paragraph which usually includes the main idea of that paragraph

A paragraph has 3 parts:

- **The Topic Sentence**
- **The Body** = the supporting sentences which develop the topic sentence
- **The Concluding Sentence**

The Qualities of an Acceptable Topic Sentence

- The topic sentence has to be a **complete sentence**. It can't be a phrase or a title.
- The topic sentence should be **neither too broad nor too narrow**.

broad = general

narrow = specific

Developing a well-organized and informative topic sentence is an art. If we come up with an appropriate topic sentence, developing the rest of the paragraph will become very easy for us.

Examples:

Subject: Inflation in Iran

Topic Sentence: The rate of inflation is high in Iran due to the budget deficit of the government and lack of economic growth.

Subject: Injury among Athletes

Topic Sentence: There are several factors which can decrease injury among athletes.