



Start with a Word

The topic sentence of a paragraph states the main idea of the paragraph. It is usually the first sentence, but it doesn't have to be. There are different types of topic sentences. One kind is called the **clueing topic sentence**. This kind of topic sentence names the main idea, and provides some information about the details to be included in the paragraph. You will recognize a clueing topic sentence because it will include a **clue word**.

DIRECTIONS: For each clue word provided below, write a topic sentence. Choose any topic that interests you.

1. functions _____

2. assortment _____

3. kinds _____

4. categories _____

5. types _____

6. What _____
