

★ **The controlling idea** shows the direction the paragraph will take. In other words, the controlling idea limits the contents of supporting sentences. ★

Example

Topic Sentence = Topic + Controlling idea

In big cities, many poor city children have health problems.

Supporting Sentences
 controlled by the controlling idea 'health problems'

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Some children are ill because of their diet. They don't get enough food, or they don't get healthy food. Their poor health is also caused by bad housing. Many children live in poor apartments which have no heat in the winter and little fresh air in the summer. Some children have poor health because they do not receive good medical care. Many poor children don't see a doctor for checkups or for shots to keep them healthy. As you can see, the government should immediately expand support for poor city children.

Concluding Sentence

Remember: The topic sentence is usually the first sentence or last sentence, but it can be any sentence in the paragraph!

★ Characteristics of Effective Concluding Sentences

It is important for you to know how to write effective concluding sentences. Some characteristics include:

- Reviewing main points mentioned in a paragraph
- Restating(paraphrasing or reword) the topic sentence
- Do not introduce new ideas or topics

★ Examples of concluding sentence starters include:

- In conclusion
- To sum up
- To summarize
- Overall
- Indeed
- In short
- In brief
- All in all
- To conclude
- As you can see,
- For these reasons

Lesson 1

A Paragraph Worksheet for Speaking Skills

Instruction: For the teacher

Time: Only 1 minute for each student

1. A teacher should ask each student to give a 1 minute speech on the topic below.
(Maximum is strictly limited to 1 minute)
2. Evaluate their presentation skills and give advice to improve their oral skills.
3. Students will be assessed on how well they speak in a formal situation to the public.

TOPIC:

What would happen if people never cooperated? Why do you think it is important to cooperate? (about 100 words)

Tips

- Nothing would ever get done if people never cooperated...
- Acting individualistically as a member of society is very selfish...
- You would do more harm than good to others...
- Cooperation is important because "two brains are better than one"...

REMEMBER:

Prepare a 7-10 sentence for a paragraph to give a speech, including
1. a topic sentence; 2. supporting sentences; 3. a concluding sentence.

* A paragraph is a group of sentences telling about a single idea or topic.

* The topic sentence in English should get the paragraph started.

* The topic sentence contains a topic and a controlling idea.

Lesson 1

Topic: What would happen if people never cooperated?
 Why do you think it is important to cooperate?
 (about 100 words)

Direction Write your own ideas and then give a 1 minute speech.

Topic
 Sentence

Supporting
 Sentences

Concluding
 Sentences

Writing & Speaking Report

Teacher's Signature: _____ Please make a ✓ if a student achieves this.

Marking Section	0%	40%	60%	70%	80%	90%	100%
Stay on Topic							
Attention grabbing opening							
Topic Sentence							
Controlling Idea							
Provided examples or reasons							
Fluency/Speed							
Vocabulary							
Spoke out Loud (Said Your Words Clearly)							
Eye Contact							
Pronunciation							
Teacher's Comment							