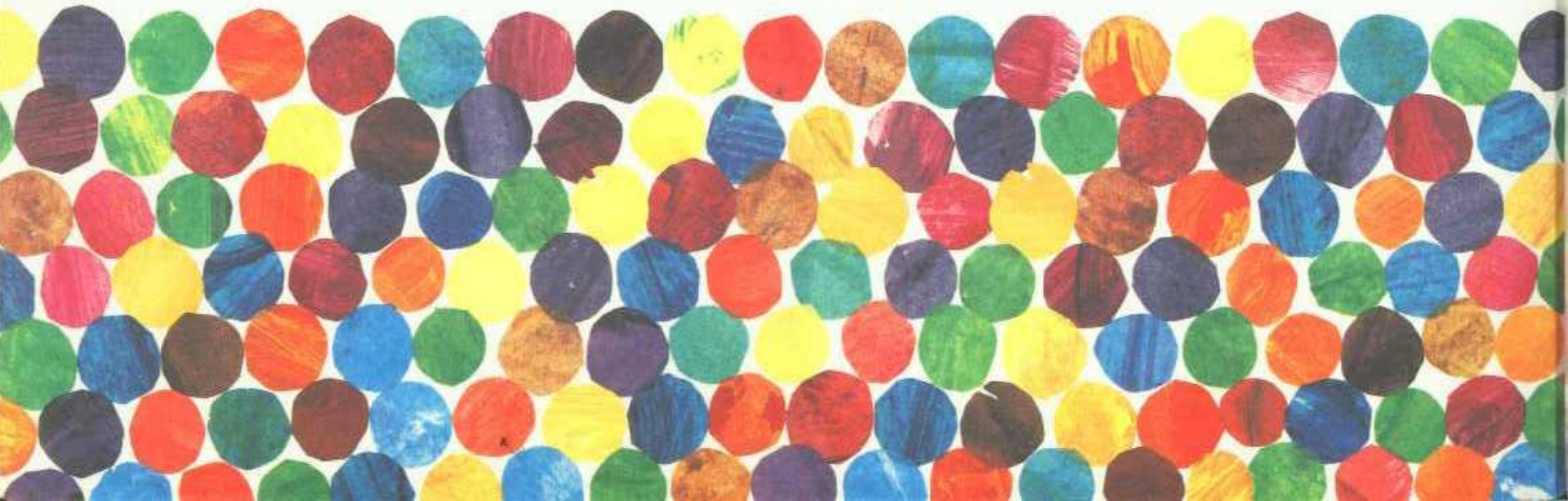


TOPIC SENTENCE & SUPPORTING SENTENCE

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1. What's the topic sentence?

My Grandmother

..... She was born 77 years ago in Garut. When she was a baby, her family moved to Bandung. After high school she worked in a bakery until she married my grandfather. She can still make delicious cakes! My grandfather died five years ago, so she lives with us now. My grandmother is not patient, but she never gets angry with me. She always listens to me and helps me with my problems. (Adapted from Singleton, 2008)

Choose one

- My grandmother is tall and thin
- I think my grandmother is a wonderful person
- An important person in my life is my grandmother.
- My grandmother had five children.
- Let me tell you about Grandma.
- My grandmother can make me laugh when I am sad.

2. What's the topic sentence?

Ogay

..... He's a medium-size Anggora with soft, grey hair and a long tail. In the house he is always wit me. When he comes to me, he walks with his chin and tail up. He also likes to lick my face. Ogay loves a mouse doll. He plays it by holding it with his claws. He bites the doll and even tears it with his sharp claws. He is a good cat. He does not bite anyone, but his doll.

Choose one

- Ogay is my cat and my friend
- Ogay's face is big and square
- My cat is three years old
- Ogay is my lovable cat
- Ogay is my wonderful pet

3. What's the topic sentence?

A Teacher to Remember

..... She was e was a tall, thin man with red hair, and he wore thick glasses. In the classroom, he was moving. He never sat still. When he was teaching, he always walked around, swung his arms, or tapped his feet. Mr. Teddy put his energy into teaching us literature and drama at my high school. He was an excellent teacher. He taught us to love literature. Also, he helped the students present two school plays every year. Mr. Teddy cared a lot about his students, too. He always had time to talk to students about her problems. I hope that I can be like him when I am a teacher. (Adapted from Singleton, 2008)

4. Edit this paragraph

Martin

Martin is a special guy. we have been friends for a long time. Now we are at college together. Martin is tall and very thin, my mother calls him stringbean. He has a tough life. He takes classes during the day and drives a taxi every night. His father drinks too much and sometimes fights with his mother. Martin tries to help her. He also likes to have a good time. On his night off, he goes out with his girlfriend, sometimes he drives to the beach at three in the morning! He is amazing.

5. Edit this paragraph

Adam

Adam is a delightful boy. My wonderful younger brother. He is ten years old and the youngest in our family. He has dark, curly hair. And big, brown eyes. He often smiles. Then you can see his big, wide smile. He short for his age and a little heavy. Adam goes to school everyday he often plays soccer with his friends after school. They aren't very good, but they have a lot of fun. Also loves to follow my teenage brother around. He drives my brother crazy! Adam is a sweet boy, he really loves animals. Sometimes, he tries to take care of hurt wild animals. Also very smart. He loves school, and gets good grades. I love him because he is funny and cheerful, too. He talks and laughs a lot, he makes everyone laugh with him. Now, I in this country, and I miss him very much.

Analyze a paragraph

- What do you like about this paragraph?
- Is the paragraph about one main idea?
- Is there a good topic sentence?
- Are all of the supporting sentences relevant to the main idea?
- Are the supporting sentences grouped in categories?