

Topic Sentences:

Strategy #1: Problem – Opinion Statements

Two part sentence

First part – can be any event, problem, or idea that gives you a reason for writing your paragraph.

Start with: In order that, As, If, Whether, Even though, Until, Although, Where, Since, Unless, Though, efore, After, When, Whenever, Even, Wherever, As long as, As if, As soon as, While, Even if, So that.

Second part – states your opinion on the topic

Ex: Even though dessert is my favorite part of the meal, getting vitamins and protein by eating meat and vegetables is vital.

Word from list + phrase + comma + opinion = topic sentence

#2 Strategy: - Use a number statement

Start with: A couple of, Various, Four, A plethora, A number of, A few, A myriad, Numerous, Two, Many, Some, Plenty of, Several.

Example:

A diet that is filled with fruits and vegetables is essential for three reasons.

Vitamins are essential to good health in four different ways.

Strategy #3: Begin with a preposition

About

Because of

Beside

During

Besides

Instead of

Throughout

Above

In spite of

Since

Near

Due to

Out of

Through

According to

Among

In addition to

Outside

Until

With the exception of

Example:

Instead of gorging on ice cream as a snack, you should consider healthier foods between meals.

Despite the availability of junk food in school vending machines, students should eat healthier snacks for their long-term good health.

Avoid: “There are” or “Here are”; Instead start with the “W’s” Who, What, Where, When