

## SENTENCE PURPOSE IDENTIFICATION

### Identifying a Topic Sentence

A **topic sentence** is an introduction to a paragraph that expresses the main idea of the paragraph.

A topic is usually the **FIRST** sentence in a paragraph.

### Identifying a Supporting Sentence

A **supporting sentence** **SUPPORTS** the main idea of the paragraph.

Supporting sentences contain specific details that help describe and develop the main idea of the paragraph.

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### Identifying a Concluding Sentence

A **concluding sentence** wraps up what was talked about in the paragraph.

A concluding sentence restates the main idea of the paragraph.

A concluding sentence comes at the **END** of a paragraph.