

Answers for Exercise 4: Topic Sentences

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Analyze the following groups of sentences. Then on the blank lines, write **TS** for a good topic sentence, **A** for an announcement, **T** for a title, **N** for a sentence that is too narrow, and **G** for a sentence that is too general. Each kind of sentence (**TS**, **A**, **T**, **N**, and **G**) appears only once in each activity.

Activity A

- a) N I bought a pen for one dollar, a marker for two, and a computer for over eight hundred.
- b) T Creative writing with pens, markers, and computers.
- c) A I am writing a paper about pens, markers, and computers.
- d) G Writing can be creative in many different ways.
- e) TS Writing can be creatively done with a pen, a marker, or a computer.

Activity B

- a) A I think the topic for this paper is a graduation ceremony.
- b) N The graduation ceremony took place on Friday, May 20th, 2016.
- c) TS The graduation ceremony had great speeches and happy students crossing the stage.
- d) T A Happy Graduation Ceremony
- e) G The graduation ceremonies in middle school, high school, and college are always great.

Activity C

- a) T Cats, dogs, and fishes
- b) G People love all of the animals on this world.
- c) A My essay will tell you about my love for cats, dogs, and fishes.
- d) TS Animals that fight can sometimes be trained to get along with each other.
- e) N Bettas often are placed in their own tank and are kept separate from other fish.