

Topic Sentences

Goal: This Directed Learning Activity is intended to introduce you topic sentences, and will help you become familiar with terms, definitions and applications of the concepts surrounding the topic.

Activities: This portion of the Directed Learning Activity is meant to be done independently. This portion will include activities such as exercises, games, Power Point presentations, and/or other lessons that show applications of the topic. You should print all materials used and take notes on anything you learn in this Directed Learning Activity.

1. Cut and paste the following URL to learn what Jackson State University has to say about topic sentences:
<http://www.jscc.edu/academics/programs/writing-center/resources-2/topic-sentences.html>
2. Now that you have read, and understand why a topic sentence is used, you will do some exercises on how to recognize and write topic sentences. Cut and paste the following URL to do these exercises:
http://www.uni-giessen.de/~ga1070/topic_sentences_ex.pdf
3. Now, you will write your own topic sentence and paragraph. You can use one of the topic sentences you wrote in the previous exercise.

Review: With a tutor at the Writing Center, discuss specific terms, their definitions and all of the examples you have written. Make sure to be clear about your understanding of the definitions, and the examples you have given. Clarity will be gauged by your use of specific terms you learned during the Activities portion of this Directed Learning Activity. **In order to pass this Directed Learning, all of your exercises must be written correctly.**