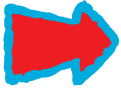




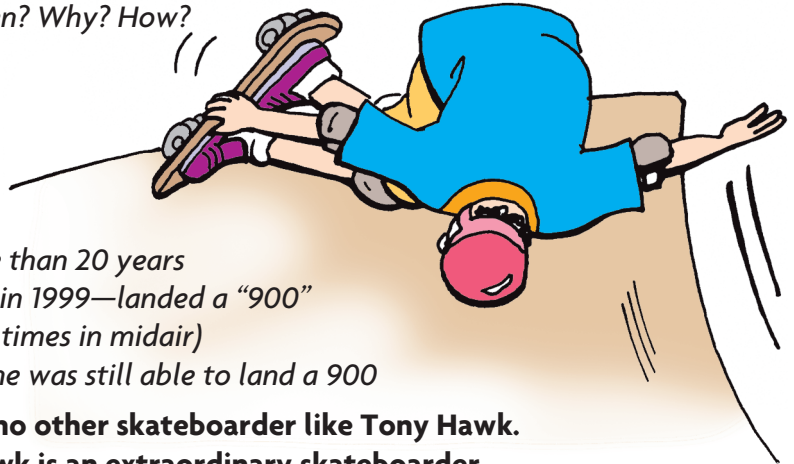
A Lot of Details



When you are ready to write a topic sentence, think about the main topic or idea of the paragraph you will be writing and the details you plan to include. Then jot down several possible sentences and choose the best one. Remember that a topic sentence can answer several questions: Who? What? Where? When? Why? How?

Tony Hawk

- famous skateboarder
- turned professional at age 14
- has won more skateboarding contests than anyone
- his competition career lasted more than 20 years
- made history at Summer X Games in 1999—landed a “900” (a complete somersault done 2 1/2 times in midair)
- on June 27, 2016, at the age of 48, he was still able to land a 900



Possible topic sentences: **There is no other skateboarder like Tony Hawk.**
Tony Hawk is an extraordinary skateboarder.
Tony Hawk had very long skateboarding career.

Here are some topics with details. Write two topic sentences for each one on the lines below.

<p>1. Pet Rocks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — fad in the 1970s — idea came from Gary Dahl, a salesman — sold rocks as pets — came with a manual — manual had tips on how to teach a pet rock tricks 	<p>2. Komodo Dragon</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — member of monitor family — grows to 3 metres and weighs 136 kilograms — meat eater — dangerous to humans — largest lizard in the world — long neck and tail, strong legs — found on Komodo Island 	<p>3. A Great Dessert</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — slice a banana — add vanilla ice cream — sprinkle on some walnuts — cover with lots of hot fudge sauce — top with mounds of whipped cream and a cherry
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1. _____

2. _____

3. _____



Remember that the supporting sentences you write support or tell more about the main idea in your topic sentence. Read the paragraph below. Draw one line under the topic sentence. Draw two lines under the supporting sentences. Circle the closing sentence.

Tony Hawk

Tony Hawk is an extraordinary skateboarder. He turned professional when was only 14 years old. Tony has won more skateboarding contests than anyone else has and competed for more than twenty years. He made history in 1999 by landing a trick called the “900” at the Summer X Games and could still do the same stunt 17 years later. Tony Hawk may be the greatest skateboarder ever.

Now, review the topics on page 200. Choose one. Then review the details listed about the topic in the box. Next, use the information to write at least three supporting sentences to support the topic sentence you wrote. Include a closing sentence and a title. Write the paragraph below.



Make a list of topics you would like to write about. Choose one. Then list on a piece of paper details you know about the topic. Do some research if necessary. Then write a topic sentence and several supporting sentences.