

Your topic sentence should not only **introduce your topic**, but it should also **hook** your readers. So, you want to make it creative and interesting.

Let's take a look at some examples...

- 1) Today I am going to write about my medal and tell you why it is important to me.

- 2) This is a paragraph for my Object of Interest assignment.

- 3) I feel the wind rushing past me as my feet collided with the pavement and think to myself "only a few more steps until the finish line."

- 4) Why would anyone pay money to run 10 km in 30 degree heat? For me, it was the weight of the medal around my neck at the end reminding me that all the training was worth it.

There are many ways to write strong and interesting topic sentences. Here are a few strategies:

- Ask a question
- Start with an interesting fact about your topic
- Use dialogue or a quote
- Action!
- Humour
- Describe a scene
- Use the 5 senses (sight, smell, taste, feel and sound)

Let's try it together! In your teams you will be given one of the strategies we just learned about and you will write a topic sentence for a paragraph about cats.

