**Topic Sentences**

When a sentence tells the main idea of a paragraph, it is called the **topic sentence.** A topic sentence is very often the first sentence in a paragraph, but it can come in different places. All the other sentences in the paragraph tell about the topic sentence.

**I have a special friend at the zoo. Her name is Harriet, and she’s a porpoise. Harriet is friendly and very smart. She always seems pleased to see me. We have our own way of talking to one another.**

*(****I have a special friend at the zoo***is the topic sentence. All of the sentences tell about the main idea.)

For tonight’s homework, think of a topic you would like to write about. Using this week’s sort, write ten ***topic sentences***. For example:

***The turtle makes a great pet*** ***for children of all ages.***

***Thursday is the best day of the week at school for many reasons.***