

說明:

將 Topic sentence 置於結尾，目的是經過鋪陳，引起讀者興趣，這 Topic sentence 也有總結的功能。

Topic sentence:

主題(topic) + 中心論點(statement) = 主題句(Topic sentence)

ex.

Topic: automobiles and pollution

Statement: use technology to get rid of pollution

Topic sentence:

New automobiles should use technology to help lower the amount of pollution they produce, especially in cities.

例題: 找 topic sentence 並劃線

1. We all need to work, but we also need some ^{休閒} leisure to balance our lives. Luckily, there is a rewarding way to combine the two, and it is known as a working holiday. The idea is simple enough; it is a vaction that normally lasts for several months, with time divided between recreation and work.

Ans.

Topic sentence 最有可能是在第一句，段落內容敘述工作和休息，第一句也開門見山的說了需要工作也要休息。如果是最後一句，前面應該有個鋪陳，然後最後才講重點。

第一句：

We all need to work, but we also need some leisure to balance our lives.

ex. (找 Topic sentence)

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雅典娜：女武神

Each goddess promised Pairs something great. Athena promised to help him defeat the Greek armies, Hera said she would make him a great king, and Aphrodite promised him the most beautiful woman in the world. Pairs chose beauty instead of power and gave the golden apple to Aphrodite.

赫拉：女權主義者？

阿芙洛狄忒 (愛)：愛情女神

Ans.

Paragraph 是敘述三位女神給 Pairs 力量，看第一句和最後一句，

第一句 Each goddess promised Pairs something great. 符合 Topic sentence.

ex. (找 Topic sentence)

You run into a supermarket for a single item, but get stuck in line behind shoppers with packed carts. Twenty minutes go by as item after item is picked up and scanned. What if the ^{收銀員}
cashier could scan a whole basket at once? RFID (radio frequency identification) makes this possible.

Ans.

找找看 the first sentence, 再看 the last one, paragraph 敘述收銀員能一次掃描整籃子嗎? 第一句 You run into a supermarket for a single item, but get stuck in line behind shoppers with packed carts 像是敘述行為, 不像是這段的主題句, 看看最後一句 RFID makes this possible. 如果最後一句是 Topic sentence, 通常帶有結論的意味, 且前面是在鋪陳最後, 很明顯最後一句是 Topic sentence.

ex. (找 Topic Sentence)

Although the accident crippled Su both mentally and physically, he found a way to recover. One day he decided to climb out of pit of despair and try to be positive. "If happiness is what you pursue, then you should learn to hope for the best," he said. This sudden surge of optimism helped him get back on his feet. He was going to get on with life, even though many obstacles lay ahead.

Ans.

這個 paragraph 講 Su 如何調適自己，第一句的後面 he found a way to recover. 直接點出了這段的重點。

ex. 講述 paragraph 重點

Although watching television shows or reading book about a country can give background information, it doesn't compare with an actual visit. When you visit a new place, you get to see the people and the scenery firsthand. It allows you to sample different foods, smell the foreign smells of the place, and also take in what it sounds like. When it comes to learning about a country, nothing beats firsthand experience.

Ans. 最後一句貫穿 paragraph 重點，前面都是鋪陳

The best way to get to know a country is to take a time and visit it.

ex. 敘述 paragraph 重點

For those who love music, learning to play an instrument can be an activity they find very fulfilling. However, even students who are not musically ^{傾向} inclined can still benefit from musical instruction. Learning to play an instrument helps teach a person how to focus on a specific task. It also teaches students patience and how important it is to practice regularly. Other benefits include better hand-eye coordination and a deeper understanding of music. It just goes to show that anyone can benefit from learning how to play a musical instrument.

Ans. 整段講述學樂器的好處，第一句講愛好音樂的人，玩樂器會使他們高興，最後一句比較像主題，因為中間還有講不是傾向音樂愛好，然後學習樂器的好處，如果第一句是主題句，那整段會講音樂愛好者如何取得快樂的過程。

所以為

There are numerous benefits associated with learning how to play a musical instrument.

ex. 寫出適合主題句 (Country Life versus City Life)

①. For one thing, cities have many more conveniences such as public transportation and all-night grocery stores. For another, cities offer so many possibilities for entertainment. There are movie theaters, concert halls, museums, and night clubs. Very few of these things can be found out in the country.

Ans. 這段講述城市的多元。

嘗試寫答案為:

There are a lot of functions in city, but it is hard to find them in ~~country~~.
countryside

標準解答:

City life has many advantages over country life.

There are many advantages to living in the city rather than in the countryside.

ex. (寫出適合的主題句) The Benefits of Pets for Children

②. Pets give the children something to love, to hug, and to spend time with. They allow kids to learn about responsibility, for pets need to be cared for. Pets also give children a special type of friendship that is different from other relationships. All of these things make having a pet the great experience that it can be.

Ans.

嘗試寫:

Let the pet accompany the children that is wonderful things.

標準解答:

Children can benefit greatly from having pets.

For children, have a pet in the house can be a wonderful experience.

