

- G. CREATE** Work with a partner. Complete the graphic organizer below. Write a topic sentence about something that is popular. Make sure your sentence contains a controlling idea. Then write two supporting ideas in the boxes. Your supporting ideas will help to describe your topic.

**Topic sentence**

The dance challenge is an opportunity for everyone to show off their talents.

**Supporting idea**

There are more platforms where you can upload dance challenge videos.

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As many people use those platforms, anyone can be well received by many people.

## PLAN AND WRITE

- A. BRAINSTORM** Think about current trends. Write down as many ideas as you can. For example, you can list trends in cars, food, or technology.

Dance challenge, cooking ~~recipe~~ recipe

- B. PLAN** Choose one trend from your list in Activity A as your topic. Answer the questions. Then tell your partner about your topic.

1. What is the trend? Describe it.

Dance challenge ~~in~~ refers to dancing to the chorus of dance music and uploading to the short-form platforms.

2. Does the trend help people connect with others? How?

Yes. Since it's a challenge, anyone can participate in it. So there are a lot of dance challenge videos, and they help people connect with others.

3. Why is the trend popular? What is new and different about it?

Because this is the COVID-19 era, people could not meet offline. So this could become ~~pop~~ popular. It's different ~~that~~ to connect people even if they don't meet others.

4. How did this trend start and spread or become popular?

It ~~was~~ started with a singer dancing to his own songs with other celebrities. And the original people upload the dance videos and become a trend.

2. Because of this, people from Africa to Australia are buying the same clothes, eating the same foods, and watching the same television shows. Some people are worried that people are losing parts of their history and culture and becoming more like people in other countries. In France, for example, there is a group that tries to be sure that there are enough TV shows that are made in France, not from other countries.

a. Most people like the same things.

b. Through the power of technology, people are becoming more similar all around the world.

c. People are the same all over the world.

**F. WRITING MODEL** Read a student's model paragraph. Then write a topic sentence for the paragraph. Compare your topic sentence with a partner's.

It is unnecessary to follow new fashion trends unconditionally

First of all, I usually don't like the new fashion trends. I have my own style. I usually buy well-made clothes, and I wear them for many years. Some of my clothes are more than five years old. Buying new clothes every year is very expensive. For example, trendy jeans cost over \$100. I buy clothes that I like, not the latest trends.



**E. EVALUATE** Read the paragraphs. Then choose the best topic sentence.

1. People of all ages are affected by this trend. Some people think that every job will require people to use some kind of technology. Some people even think that soon there will be computers that people actually wear as part of their clothing. Others think that these ideas will never happen. But there is no question that more and more technology is a part of everyday life.
  - a. It doesn't matter what your age is.
  - ☒ b. Throughout the world, people are using more and more technology.
  - c. Technology is getting smaller all the time.