



# **A Topic Sentence for a Paragraph**



**G3-U4-L9**



tortoise

to behave toward  
someone or deal  
with something in a  
particular way

be treated



n. a characteristic  
or feature of  
someone or  
something

quality





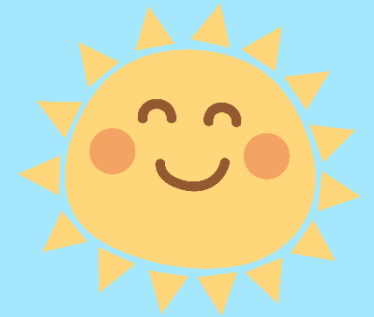
## Topic Sentence

A topic sentence is a sentence that summarizes the main idea of a paragraph. It is usually the first sentence in a paragraph.



Tips: Have students learn and read these sentences. Point out that learning about and identifying topic sentences.(1 min)





## Topic Sentence

For example:

My favorite pet is my small tortoise, Lucky.  
Dogs in the US are treated like humans.  
There are three qualities that I need to  
see in a good friend.



## A Good Friend

There are three qualities that I need to see in a good friend. First, a good friend shouldn't tell lies. Second, a good friend should be there for me when I need him.



Finally, when necessary, he should criticize me so that I can change an undesirable behavior or realize why I am wrong. I think, these three qualities are the most important traits of a good friend.



1. What are the titles and subject sentences of this article?

2. What are the three qualities for a good friend?



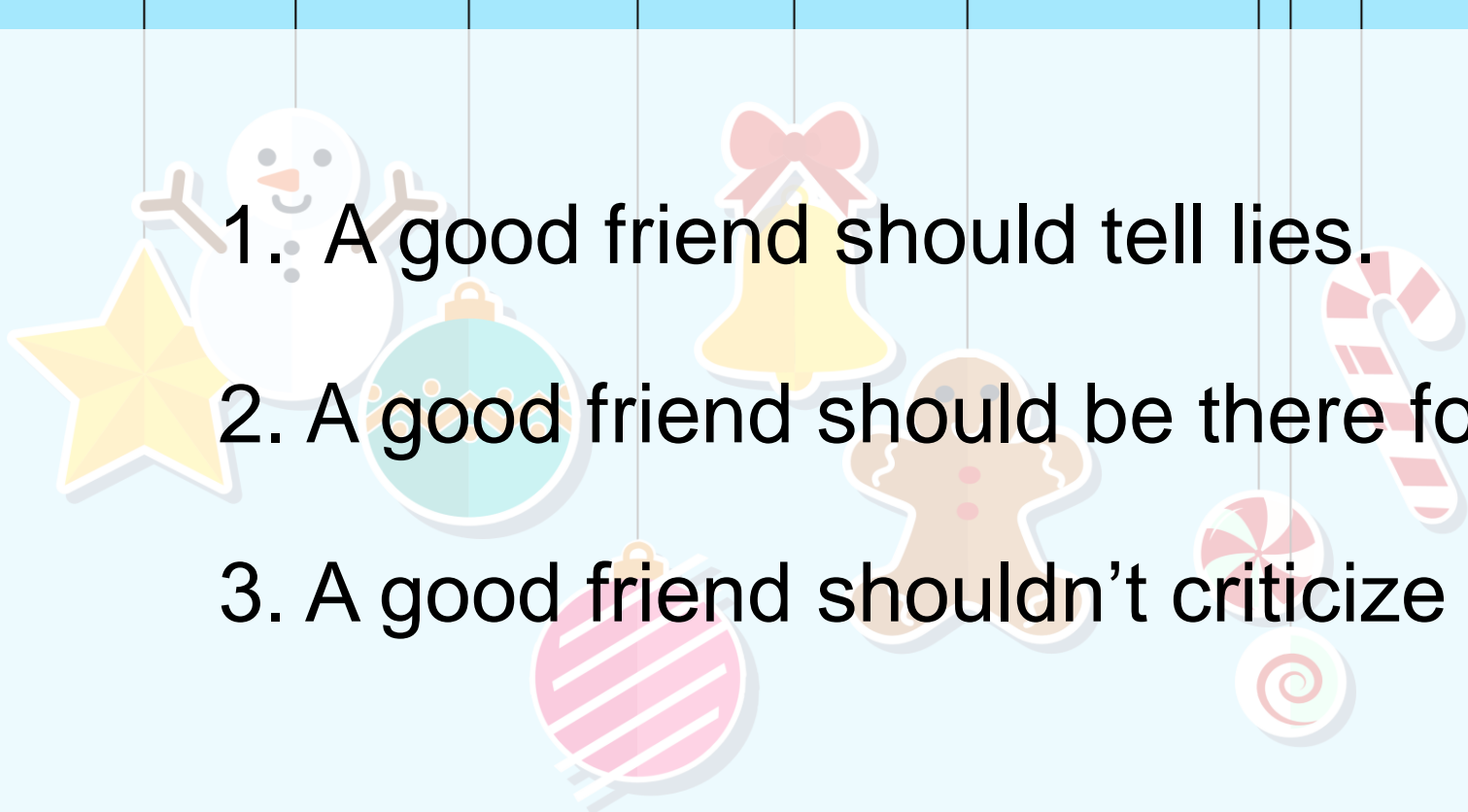




# Practice

True or False.



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1. A good friend should tell lies.
  2. A good friend should be there for me when I need him.
  3. A good friend shouldn't criticize me.



Tips: Have students complete these questions. Tell students that the topic sentence is important, because it tells readers what the paragraph is mostly about.(1 min)



# Practice

## My Favorite Animal

The dog is my favorite animal among all the animals. As we all know, dogs are lovely animals. Not only do I love them because of their cuteness, but I also adore them because of their loyalty. Another reason why I love dogs is it can cheer me up. If I were sad, it would do anything to cheer me up. So, I will always love dogs.

Tips: Have students learn and read these sentences. Have students find out the title and topic sentence. (2 min)



# Practice



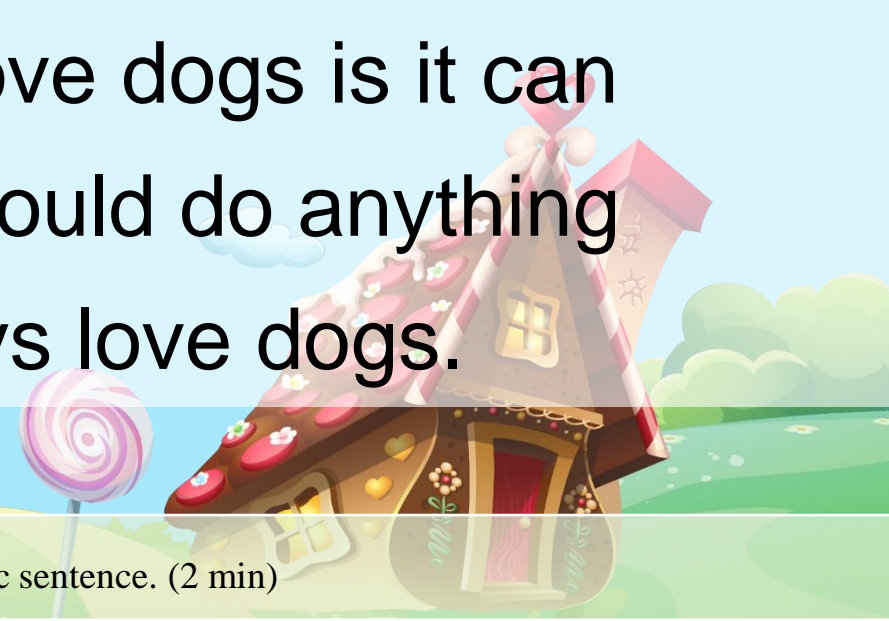
title → My Favorite Animal

topic  
sentence

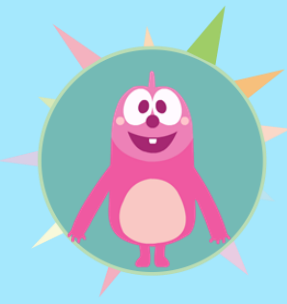
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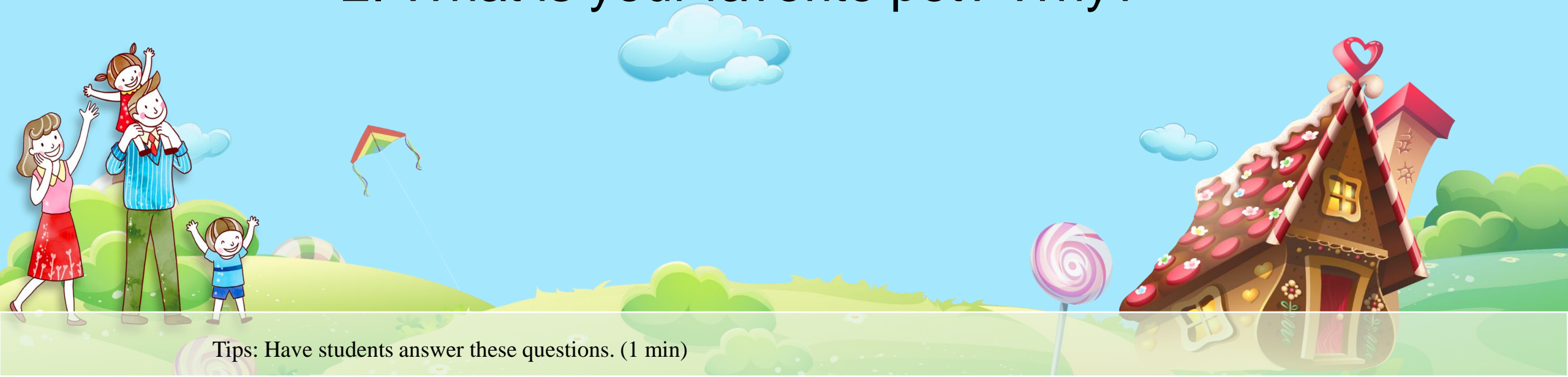
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# Practice



1. Do you like dogs? Do you think dogs are friendly to humans?
2. What is your favorite pet? Why?



Tips: Have students answer these questions. (1 min)

# Practice



Read. Circle the best topic sentence for the main idea.

1. Main idea: Polar bears are my favorite animals.
  - a. Polar bears live in cold places.
  - b. Some days are cold in the winter.
  - c. I like polar bears.



Tips: Have students answer these questions independently. Make sure that students correctly identify the topic sentence (1 min)

# Practice



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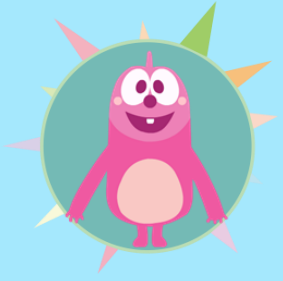
2. Main idea: It's important to take care of pets.

a. I want a pet parakeet.

b. I feed and walk my dog every day.

c. People all over the world have pets.

# Practice



Read. Circle the best topic sentence for the main idea.

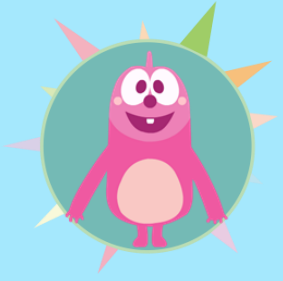
3. Main idea: Some pets can hurt you.

- a. My pet rabbit is white.
- b. Some animals are not good pets.
- c. Some animals can do tricks.



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# Practice



Read. Circle the best topic sentence for the main idea.

4. Main idea: The zoo is a great place.

a. A parrot can talk.

b. I always have fun at the zoo.

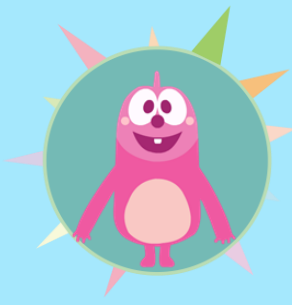
c. Dogs are fun pets.



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# Practice



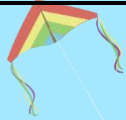
Write a topic sentence for the following titles.

1. My Favorite Animal

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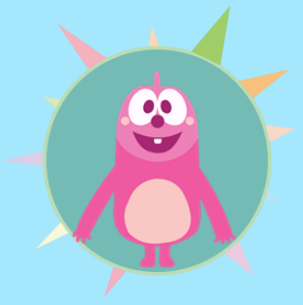
2. My Favorite Time of Day

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Tips: Have students complete these questions independently.(2 min)

# Practice



Write a topic sentence for the following titles.

3. An Unusual Job

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4. My Favorite Sport

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Tips: Have students complete these questions independently.(2 min)



# Conclusion

1. We have learned the words:

tortoise, be treated, quality

2. We have learned the sentences:

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