Kids InfoBits Toolbox – How to Write a Topic Sentence

The *Kids InfoBits Toolbox* tip sheets are designed to help young researchers prepare a written report. This document will explain **what a topic sentence is and how to write one**.

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Before you can write a topic sentence, you need to know what a topic sentence is. A topic sentence is a sentence that is all about your main idea. This is as easy as it seems. If your report is about cats, your topic sentence will be about cats. A report about Benjamin Franklin will have a topic sentence about Benjamin Franklin.

To get started, you need to think about what you know about your topic. If you have created a web to organize your ideas, read it. That will help you start thinking about your topic. Your ideas should be about the entire topic, not just one of the smaller circles on the web.

Use the topic of cats as an example. What do you know about cats? List your ideas on a piece of paper.

Any of these ideas could be used to write a topic sentence. Here are some sample topic sentences using the ideas:

1. Cats are loved by many people all over the world.
2. Cats are amazing animals.
3. Although cats are not very big, they make a big impact on our world.

As you can see, writing a topic sentence will help you begin to see how your report will develop.

You can download a worksheet to help you write your topic sentence at http://assets.cengage.com/training/WriteTopicSentWksht.pdf

- *amazing animals*
- *easy to take care of*
- *purr*
- *many different breeds*
- *live all over the world*
- *mammals*
- *popular pets*
- *furry*
- *not very big*