

## Topic Sentences 2 EXAMPLE

**Aim:** To support students in their understanding and construction of topic sentences.

**Time:** 60 minutes & homework task.

### Lesson Suggestion

#### Lead in

- Distribute **Worksheet 1**. Students ask & answer questions in **Task 1**.
- Feedback: project the **writing criteria** for your course if you have one.

#### Guided Practice

1. **Task 2:** students read paragraph & check unknown vocab.
2. **Task 3:** Teacher & students highlight key terms '*fast fashion brands*', '*on-trend garments*' '*consumers*', '*low prices*' in the topic sentence using different colours.
3. Students highlight the links to these words in each line of the paragraph. Do the first line together. *However, the affordable fashion trend comes at a price not printed on the label.*
4. Feedback: **Worksheet 1 ANSWERS.**
5. Distribute **Worksheet 2**. Students read & identify the key words in the topic sentence & then highlight the words that connect to the key words you have identified.
6. Feedback: project **Worksheet 2 (Task 1) ANSWERS.**
7. Students complete the rest of **Worksheet 2**.
8. Feedback: project or distribute **Worksheet 2 ANSWERS.**

#### Freer Practice

- Distribute or project **Worksheet 3**. Students choose a topic sentence & write a paragraph.

#### Homework

- Students select another topic sentence & write a paragraph.
- Students choose a topic connected to their studies and write a paragraph.

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## Worksheet 1: Topic Sentences

### Task 1

- Discuss the following questions in pairs.

1. Where does the topic sentence go in a paragraph?
2. How [redacted] contain?
3. What teacher feedback have you been given on your topic sentences?
4. What should the [redacted] the topic sentence?
5. If your teacher has given you the assessment criteria for writing, [redacted].

### Task 2

- Read the paragraph & check unknown words.

Nowadays, many fast fashion brands pride themselves on offering [redacted] at low prices. However, the [redacted] not printed on the label. The cost of a typical shirt priced at 29€ can be broken down into [redacted], transport and agent [redacted] margin. Of this cost, over two-thirds account for the retail and brand margins. Of the remaining 8€, a mere 0.18€ is [redacted] need to [redacted] quantity over quality, but also how fair wages for garment workers are possible, without [redacted].

Source: <https://www.fashionrevolution.org/>

### Task 3

1. Highlight the key words in the topic sentence.
2. Highlight the words in the paragraph that connect to the words in the topic sentence.

Nowadays, many fast fashion brands pride themselves on offering [redacted] at low prices. However, the [redacted] not printed on the label. The cost of a typical shirt priced at 29€ can be broken down into [redacted], transport and agent [redacted] margin. Of this cost, over two-thirds account for the retail and brand margins. Of the remaining 8€, a mere 0.18€ is [redacted] need to [redacted] quantity over quality, but also how fair wages for garment workers are possible, without [redacted].

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## Worksheet 1: Topic Sentences **ANSWERS**

### Paragraph Analysis

1. Nowadays, many **fast fashion brands** pride themselves on offering **consumers on-trend garments** at **low prices**.
2. However, the [redacted] not printed on the label.
3. The **cost** of a typical shirt priced at 29€ can be broken down into [redacted], transport [redacted] **brand margin** and [redacted] **margin**.
4. Of this **cost**, over [redacted] the **retail and brand margins**.
5. Of the **remaining** 8€, a mere 0.18€ [redacted].
6. It is clear [redacted] to raise **awareness** [redacted] **quantity** over **quality** when it concerns **clothing**, but also how **fair wages** for [redacted] are possible, [redacted].

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## Worksheet 2: Topic Sentences

### Task 1

- Read the following four paragraphs & write a topic sentence for each one.

#### Paragraph 1

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It has not only become popular among younger people, but even [redacted] shopping [redacted]. Men are also shopping online as much as women, as reported by the Office for National Statistics in 2019. One [redacted] likely due to the [redacted] online in general. However, despite the general upward trend in sectors such as clothing, household [redacted] to be spent in stores, [redacted] groceries and medicines.

Source: [ONS Link](#)

#### Paragraph 2

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Foods such as these can cause symptoms such as [redacted] and [redacted]. Currently, someone who is either gluten intolerant or has celiac disease adhering to a strict [redacted] than [redacted] supermarkets have dedicated 'free from' aisles where consumers can purchase clearly-labelled and [redacted] can offer customers [redacted] a gluten-free menu. There still exist [redacted] in many eating places, but it is [redacted] positive moves forward for those who are intolerant to gluten.

Source: [Celiac.org link](#)

#### Paragraph 3

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This is especially true for those who are part of an [redacted] or those of colour. According to The Alison Rose Review of Female Entrepreneurship, '[redacted] lower rates of entrepreneurship among [redacted] of Role Modeling, a role model can inspire, [redacted] not only set goals, but also [redacted] and facilitate new ones.

Source: [FT.com](#)

#### Paragraph 4

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It began in [redacted] to *Black Friday*, a day which has become synonymous with huge promotions and impulsive purchases. [redacted] to 'wake some people up [redacted] Western culture is' in order to make people aware of the impacts of overconsumption, not only on the [redacted] the Western world is something to which other cultures, such as those in Asia, actually aspire. This can be seen in the [redacted] become a [redacted] been an American holiday.

Source: [UEA.ac.uk](#)

## Worksheet 2: Topic Sentences **ANSWERS**

### Paragraph 1

The popularity of online shopping in recent years has completely changed the way we now shop. It has not only become popular among younger people,.....

**ALL ANSWERS ARE INCLUDED IN PAID VERSION...**

## Worksheet 3: Topic Sentences

### Task

- Select one of the following topic sentences.
- Write a short paragraph of around 100 words.
- Make sure you include supporting sentences and a concluding sentence.

### Topic sentences

1. There are several plausible explanations [redacted] in the UK.
2. There are three possible solutions to prevent [redacted].
3. [redacted] a range of specific qualities.
4. The [redacted] be fraught with unsurmountable difficulties.
5. Currently the [redacted] is 47% and the rationale for this is due to a number of causes.