

Topic sentence examples

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Controlling idea

- 1. People can avoid burglaries by taking certain precautions.
(The precautions for?)
- 2. There are several advantages to growing up in a small town.
(The advantages of?)
- 3. Most US universities require a 550 point TOEFL score for a number of reasons.
(The reasons for?)
- 4. Air pollution in Mexico City is the worst in the world for a number of reasons.
(The causes of? or (The effects of?)
- 5. Fixing a flat tire on a bicycle is easy if you follow these steps.
(The steps for?)

- 6. There are several enjoyable ways to travel between the US and Queretaro.
(The ways to? or (The methods of?)
- 7. Animals in danger of becoming extinct come from a wide range of countries.
(The different countries?[parts, kinds, types])
- 8. Effective leadership requires specific qualities that anyone can develop.
(The qualities (or characteristics or traits) of?)
- 9. Industrial waste poured into Lake Michigan has led to dramatic changes in its ability to support marine life.
(The effects of?)
- 10. In order to fully explore the wreck of the Titanic, scientists must address several problems.
(The difficulties of? or (The obstacles to?)