

The first sentence of a paragraph is called the topic sentence, and it expresses the main idea of the paragraph. The last sentence is called the conclusion, and is a restatement of the topic sentence. Between the topic sentence and the conclusion are supporting details. Supporting details can be facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or any other information that relates to and supports the main idea.

**DIRECTIONS:** Read Frank's notes below. Underline the sentence that you think expresses the main idea of what Frank wants to say. Then put an X on the line next to each supporting detail that you think belongs in Frank's paragraph.

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