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## Library File Sorter: Topic vs. Main Idea

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**Directions:** You're a junior librarian helping organize sentence cards in the main idea library! Below are 12 sentence cards. Your job is to **sort each one** into the correct file drawer:

■ **Topic Drawer** = The broad subject

■ **Main Idea Drawer** = What the paragraph or passage says about that topic

Write “Topic” or “Main Idea” next to each one.

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### Sentence Cards

1. Polar bears
2. Polar bears use their thick fur and fat to survive cold Arctic temperatures.
3. Types of musical instruments
4. String instruments make sound by vibrating strings that are plucked or bowed.
5. Dinosaurs
6. Some dinosaurs were plant-eaters, while others were fierce hunters.
7. Healthy snacks
8. Choosing healthy snacks like fruits and nuts gives your body energy.
9. Bicycles
10. Bicycles are a fun, eco-friendly way to travel short distances.
11. Space travel
12. Traveling to space requires special equipment, training, and planning.

