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## Topic Sentence Match

The **topic sentence** often gives away how the rest of the paragraph will be organized. Look for **signal words** and **clues** about what's coming next. The five most common structures are:

- Cause & Effect
- Chronological/Sequence
- Problem & Solution
- Compare & Contrast
- Description

**Directions:** Read each topic sentence below. Match it with the structure it sets up. Write the correct structure on the line.

1. "One reason coral reefs are dying is because ocean water is warming, and this change leads to major damage in marine life."

Structure: \_\_\_\_\_

2. "To build a birdhouse, first gather your wood pieces, then assemble the walls, and finally add the roof."

Structure: \_\_\_\_\_

3. "Although bicycles and cars both provide transportation, they differ in cost, speed, and environmental impact."

Structure: \_\_\_\_\_

4. "The library faced the issue of overcrowding, but by adding more study tables and creating online reservations, the problem was reduced."

Structure: \_\_\_\_\_

5. "The rainforest is a lush, green environment filled with tall trees, colorful birds, and layers of vegetation."

Structure: \_\_\_\_\_

**Write Your Own:** Create a new topic sentence that clearly sets up each structure type. Write them at the back of this sheet or in your notebook. Example: "Because of the drought, crops failed across the region" (Cause & Effect).