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## Skim For The Topic

**Directions:** Read each paragraph **quickly** by skimming. Your goal is to **identify the topic sentence** in each paragraph. Circle the **letter (A, B, or C)** of the topic sentence that you think fits best for each paragraph.

### Passage 1: "Life in the Rainforest"

- A. The forest floor stays dark and damp because sunlight rarely reaches it.
- B. Parrots, snakes, monkeys, and frogs live high in the treetops where the air is humid.
- C. The rainforest is home to more species of plants and animals than any other habitat on Earth.

### Passage 2: "How Seeds Travel"

- A. Seeds are clever travelers that use wind, water, and animals to reach new places.
- B. Some seeds have wings or fluff that help them float through the air.
- C. Other seeds have hooks that cling to fur or clothing until they fall off elsewhere.

### Passage 3: "The Power of Volcanoes"

- A. When a volcano erupts, it can destroy forests and create new islands.
- B. Volcanoes are openings in the Earth's crust that release hot gas, ash, and molten rock.
- C. Some volcanoes remain quiet for centuries before erupting again.

### Passage 4: "The Importance of Sleep"

- A. Sleep allows the body and mind to rest, repair, and prepare for the next day.
- B. Without enough sleep, people may struggle to focus or remember things.
- C. Most children need around nine hours of sleep each night to stay healthy.

### Passage 5: "The History of Kites"

- A. Today, people fly kites mainly for fun and festivals around the world.
- B. Early kites were used to measure distances, send messages, and study the weather.
- C. Kites were first invented in ancient China more than two thousand years ago.