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Stronger Starters Answer Key

Answers will vary. Correct answers must be **more specific, focused, and clear** than the original weak sentences.

Sample acceptable revisions:

1. **Turtles have unique features that help them survive in the wild.**
2. **Playing on a soccer team helps athletes build skills and teamwork.**
3. **National parks offer exciting outdoor adventures for families.**
4. **Fresh fruit makes a healthy and delicious snack.**
5. **Each day at school brings new lessons and activities to explore.**

Teacher's Guide

- Review what makes a topic sentence **strong**: it must be focused, general enough for details to follow, and clear.
- Show students how vague words like **things, some, and good** weaken topic sentences.
- Have students underline clue words that show how their rewritten sentence is more specific.
- For students who need support, provide a list of replacement words such as **several reasons, one important feature, or many activities**.
- For more advanced students, ask them to write a short supporting detail that fits their new topic sentence.
- Encourage peer review where students trade papers and check whether the new sentences guide readers toward a clear main idea.