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List To Topic Answer Key

Answers will vary. Topic sentences must capture the **main idea** each list of details supports.

Sample acceptable responses:

1. **Backpacks have many features that help students carry their school supplies.**
2. **Putting on a play requires careful preparation from the cast and crew.**
3. **Tomato plants need specific conditions to grow well.**
4. **A science experiment can show how ramp height affects the distance objects roll.**
5. **Simple calming strategies can help people relax during stressful moments.**

Teacher's Guide

- Review how a **topic sentence** should be broad enough to cover all listed details but not so broad that it loses focus.
- Teach students to scan the details and ask, **What do these have in common?**
- For support, allow students to highlight shared ideas or group similar details before writing their sentence.
- Encourage students to avoid starting with weak phrases like **There are some things...** and instead choose clear wording.
- For an extension, have students add an extra detail that also fits under their topic sentence.
- Provide opportunities for peer discussion where students compare topic sentences and explain why theirs fits the given details.