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## Focus Gauge Answer Key

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| 1. Too Broad  | 5. Too Broad  |
| 2. Too Narrow | 6. Too Narrow |
| 3. Just Right | 7. Just Right |
| 4. Just Right | 8. Just Right |

Reasoning summary:

- **Too Broad** means the idea covers far too much to explain in one paragraph.
- **Too Narrow** means the idea is so specific that it cannot support a full paragraph.
- **Just Right** means the idea is focused, clear, and suitable for a paragraph with supporting details.

### Teacher's Guide

- Begin by explaining how a **good topic sentence** must have a clear focus that supports a full paragraph without trying to cover an entire subject area.
- Provide visual cues by drawing three labeled boxes on the board: Too Broad, Too Narrow, Just Right. Place sample sentences in each to model the thinking process.
- Support students by giving them guiding questions such as **Could I write a whole paragraph about this without it becoming too huge or too tiny?**
- For students who need more scaffolding, offer a list of sentence starters that help aim for the right focus, such as **Many people use...**, **Several reasons explain...**, or **One helpful method is...**
- For extension, ask students to rewrite the Too Broad and Too Narrow sentences so they become **Just Right**.
- Encourage partner or small-group discussion to justify answers, helping students articulate why a sentence does or does not work as an effective topic sentence.