

## Topic Vs. Thesis Answer Key

1. Topic
2. Thesis
3. Topic
4. Thesis
5. Topic
6. Thesis
7. Topic

Reasoning summary:

- A **topic sentence** introduces the main idea of a single paragraph. It does not list all supporting points.
- A **thesis** makes a claim for an entire essay and often includes **multiple reasons** or a clear argument.

### Teacher's Guide

- Review the difference between a **topic sentence** and a **thesis**. A topic sentence guides one paragraph. A thesis guides the whole essay.
- Point out how theses often include **three-part claims** or clear arguments, while topic sentences stay focused on one smaller idea.
- Support students by highlighting signal words in theses like **because**, **by**, or phrases that list multiple reasons.
- Provide practice by having students rewrite a topic sentence into a thesis and vice versa.
- For extension, challenge students to choose one thesis from the worksheet and outline what the body paragraphs of an essay might look like.
- Encourage paired discussion where students explain why each statement fits one category or the other to reinforce deeper understanding.