



2. *A Topic Sentence That Creates a Contrast*

A contrast is another effective way to start your paragraph. To form this type of topic sentence, you will need to write a complex sentence beginning with *although*, *even though*, or *while*.

Claim	Topic Sentence
It would lower the amount of waste we produce.	Although there are a number of ways to reduce the amount of waste our city produces, one surefire way would be to eliminate the Starbucks franchises.

Now it's your turn. Create a topic sentence like the models above:

Your 2 <sup>nd</sup> Claim (for 2 <sup>nd</sup> Body Paragraph)	Your Topic Sentence

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3. *A Topic Sentence That Uses Creative Language*

Grab the reader's attention. You might look for vocabulary and ideas that are playful, inspirational, or interesting in some other way. Use strong action verbs and vivid descriptions.

Claim	Topic Sentence
It would lower the amount of waste we produce.	By eliminating the Starbucks from Hoboken, we would be decreasing the exorbitant amount of uneconomical, one-time-use cups that Starbucks shoves at its customers each day, ultimately reducing the amount of waste our city produces.

Now it's your turn. Create a topic sentence like the models above:

Your 3 <sup>rd</sup> Claim (for 3 <sup>rd</sup> Body Paragraph)	Your Topic Sentence