

THIRD GRADE – LANGUAGE (LA3_1)

1.

I like to water the garden. First, I put the hose on the tomatoes. Next, the grapes are watered, and it takes about 20 minutes for them. Finally, I water the beans. I like to think I am helping the plants grow.

Which sequence words are used in the paragraph?

- A. to, think
 - B. first, next
 - C. like, takes
 - D. garden, first
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2.

I like to go to the lake. I like to run on the shore and fly kites. Swimming in the lake is fun, too. I like to ride on the paddleboats. Going to the lake is great fun.

Which is the topic sentence of this paragraph?

- A. I like to go to the lake.
 - B. I like to run on the shore and fly kites.
 - C. Swimming in the lake is fun, too.
 - D. I like to ride on the paddleboats.
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3.

George is a wonderful student.

Which sentence supports this topic sentence?

- A. George's mom writes stories.
- B. George pays attention in class.
- C. George has a friend named Sam.
- D. George likes to play guitar after supper.

4.

Amber has a serious case of the sillies. Everything is funny to Amber. She sees a dog with one brown ear and she laughs until she falls down in the grass. Kittens love yarn. A case of the sillies is not such a bad thing.

Which sentence does NOT belong in this paragraph?

- A. Amber has a serious case of the sillies.
 - B. Everything is funny to Amber.
 - C. Kittens love yarn.
 - D. A case of the sillies is not such a bad thing.
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5.

Julie has a new friend named Mary. Mary comes to visit Julie after school sometimes. Mary's school plans class trips to the zoo sometimes. Julie shows Mary some pictures of her family. Julie and Mary like being friends.

Which sentence does NOT belong with the rest of the paragraph?

- A. Julie has a new friend named Mary.
 - B. Mary comes to visit Julie after school sometimes.
 - C. Mary's school plans class trips to the zoo sometimes.
 - D. Julie shows Mary some pictures of her family.
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6.

There are so many different kinds of costumes you can wear to a costume party. You could be a clown or a magician with a magic wand. John's shoes are brown. You can make a costume from things you find around your house or you can go to a store and buy one. Whatever you do, you will have lots of fun dressing up for a costume party.

Which sentence does NOT belong in this paragraph?

- A. There are so many different kinds of costumes you can wear to a costume party.
- B. You could be a clown or a magician with a magic wand.
- C. John's shoes are brown.
- D. Whatever you do, you will have lots of fun dressing up for a costume party.

7.

Many members of the Seattle police force have benefited from riding mountain bikes to patrol their areas. Officers state that they enjoy using the mountain bikes because they feel more connected with the community. Bike riding also helps police officers stay in shape and stay fit. The bikes allow police to arrive more quickly than in a patrol car.

Which is the topic sentence in this paragraph?

- A. Many members of the Seattle police force have benefited from riding mountain bikes to patrol their areas.
- B. Officers state that they enjoy using the mountain bikes because they feel more connected with the community.
- C. Bike riding also helps police officers stay in shape and stay fit.
- D. The bikes allow police to arrive more quickly than in a patrol car.

8.

Ginger has to clean the kitchen. First, she must clean the dishes. Then, she should clean the countertops and wipe down the sink. Finally, Ginger has to mop the floor. When Ginger finishes, the kitchen will look sparkling clean.

Which sentence is the topic sentence in this paragraph?

- A. Ginger has to clean the kitchen.
- B. First, she must clean the dishes.
- C. Then, she should clean the counter tops and wipe down the sink.
- D. When Ginger finishes, the kitchen will look sparkling clean.

9.

My school has recess every day. I like to play on the swings and jungle gym with my friends. My friend Tom likes to play kick-ball with me. We like to laugh and run. Recess is my favorite time of the day.

Which is the closing sentence of this paragraph?

- A. I like to play on the swings and jungle gym with my friends.
- B. My friend Tom likes to play kick-ball with me.
- C. We like to laugh and run.
- D. Recess is my favorite time of the day.

10.

Richard wanted to see if he could become a great writer. Richard wrote a story for fun. Then, he decided to send a copy of his story to the newspaper. Next, he found his story printed in the front section of the Monday paper! Richard decided to write stories every day, and that is how he became a great writer.

Which sentence is the FIRST supporting sentence in this paragraph?

- A. Richard wanted to see if he could become a great writer.
- B. Richard wrote a story for fun.
- C. Then, he decided to send a copy of his story to the newspaper.
- D. Next, he found his story printed in the front section of the Monday paper!

11.

The beach is my favorite place to visit. I love to swim and play in the water. My brother and I build big sandcastles. Sometimes we see crabs hurrying across the sand. The beach has so many fun things to do.

Which is the closing sentence of this paragraph?

- A. The beach is my favorite place to visit.
- B. My brother and I build big sandcastles.
- C. Sometimes we see crabs hurrying across the sand.
- D. The beach has so many fun things to do.

12.

Billy took good care of his pet dog. He took him for walks every day. He gave him water. He even gave him a bath sometimes.

Which is the topic sentence of the paragraph?

- A. Billy took good care of his pet dog.
- B. He took him for walks every day.
- C. He gave him water.
- D. He even gave him a bath sometimes.

13. The sentence that tells what a paragraph is about is

- A. the last sentence.
- B. the topic sentence.
- C. the longest sentence.
- D. the supporting sentence.

14.

¹Then, we drove to the movies. ²The last thing we did was stop for ice cream. ³First, we ate breakfast at home. ⁴Next, we got into the car. ⁵Later, we went out to dinner.

How should you arrange the sentences to tell the story in the order that it happened?

- A. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
- B. 2, 3 4, 5, 1
- C. 3, 4, 1, 5, 2
- D. 5, 3, 1, 2, 4

15.

My favorite game is hopscotch. I enjoy playing it with my friends. I also like to play it when I am alone. It is good exercise too. Even my mother thinks hopscotch is a good game.

Which is the topic sentence of this paragraph?

- A. My favorite game is hopscotch.
- B. I enjoy playing it with my friends.
- C. It is good exercise too.
- D. Even my mother thinks hopscotch is a good game.

16.

The library is a great place to learn. It is full of great books and magazines. The reference section is my favorite. You can find just about any magazine in the library. In addition, books about any subject can be found there. Next time you need a book or magazine, check out the library.

Which sentence has a transitional phrase?

- A. The library is a great place to learn.
- B. It is full of great books and magazines.
- C. You can find just about any magazine in the library.
- D. In addition, books about any subject can be found there.

17.

On Fridays my family often packs up to go camping. We put the tent in the car. We throw in sleeping bags and our camp stove. My mother fixes a big box of food. She is the best cook in the world. Then we all pile into the car and head for our favorite campsite.

Which sentence should be left out of the paragraph above?

- A. On Fridays my family often packs up to go camping.
- B. My mother fixes a big box of food.
- C. She is the best cook in the world.
- D. Then we all pile into the car and head for our favorite campsite.

18.

Barbara was learning how to paint. First, she bought a paintbrush and some paint. Then, she got some special paper to paint on. She learned to use the equipment and painted a sunset. Her first painting of a sunset was beautiful.

Which is the closing sentence of this paragraph?

- A. Barbara was learning how to paint.
- B. First, she bought a paintbrush and some paint.
- C. Then, she got some special paper to paint on.
- D. Her first painting of a sunset was beautiful.

19.

Our class had a pet show last week. Most of the students brought pets. There were cats, dogs, gerbils, mice, birds, and even a snake. All of the students were happy because every pet won a prize.

Which kind of sentence is the underlined sentence in the paragraph?

- A. a topic sentence
- B. a closing sentence
- C. a supporting sentence
- D. a sentence that does not belong in the paragraph

20.

Our class had a pet show last week. Most of the students brought pets. There were cats, dogs, gerbils, mice, birds, and even a snake. I don't like snakes. All of the students were happy because every pet won a prize.

Which sentence does NOT belong in this paragraph?

- A. Our class had a pet show last week.
- B. Most of the students brought pets.
- C. There were cats, dogs, gerbils, mice, birds, and even a snake.
- D. I don't like snakes.

21.

I like to go to the lake. I like to run on the shore and fly kites. Swimming in the lake is fun, and so is flying kites. I like to ride on the paddleboats, too. Going to the lake is great fun.

One idea is repeated in the paragraph above. Which idea is repeated?

- A. flying kites
- B. riding paddleboats
- C. swimming is fun
- D. running on the shore

22.

There are so many things you can do at the beach. You can jump in the waves or play on a raft. You can build sandcastles or collect seashells. You can have a picnic on the beach, too. The beach is fun for everyone and everybody.

Which is the topic sentence of this paragraph?

- A. There are so many things you can do at the beach.
- B. You can jump in the waves or play on a raft.
- C. You can build sandcastles or collect seashells.
- D. You can have a picnic on the beach, too.

23.

Luanda gave a speech about dinosaurs. She talked about where the dinosaurs lived. She talked about how big the dinosaurs were compared to humans. She finished her speech and showed pictures of the dinosaur bones.

Which is the closing sentence of this paragraph?

- A. Luanda gave a speech about dinosaurs.
- B. She talked about where the dinosaurs lived.
- C. She talked about how big the dinosaurs were compared to humans.
- D. She finished her speech and showed pictures of the dinosaur bones.

24.

The two children were so happy to be at the park. The rain had kept them inside for two whole days, and finally it was sunny. Their friends were all at the park, too. They played together on the swings and the sliding board. It was wonderful to be outside and to be having so much fun!

Based on the paragraph, what kind of sentence is the underlined sentence?

- A. a phrase
- B. a topic sentence
- C. a supporting sentence
- D. an incomplete sentence

25.

My family had a busy day last Saturday. First, we ate breakfast at home. Then, we went to a movie. Later, we went out to dinner. The last thing we did was stop for ice cream.

What sequence (transition) words are used in this paragraph?

- A. at, to, for
- B. ate, went, stop
- C. first, then, later
- D. home, movie, dinner

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9. Recess is my favorite time of the day.
10. Richard wrote a story for fun.
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15. My favorite game is hopscotch.
16. In addition, books about any subject can be found there.
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