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**FIFTH GRADE-LANGUAGE (LA5\_2)**

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1.

Ann went on an evening picnic with her next door neighbors, the Mercers. The Mercers had two children. They had hot dogs and roasted marshmallows.

Afterwards everyone told stories around a campfire.

Which sentence does NOT belong in the paragraph above?

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  - B. The Mercers had two children.
  - C. They had hot dogs and roasted marshmallows.
  - D. Afterwards everyone told stories around a campfire.
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2.

Jim had several chores to do. He had to finish them before he could play with his friends. Cleaning his room was the first job on his list. Jim also had to wash the dishes and put them away.

Which would make a good closing sentence for the paragraph?

- A. Jim's room is always a mess, especially all of the clothes on the floor.
  - B. Jim does not like sweeping the pine needles off of the driveway.
  - C. Jim's chores did not take him long and he was back outside.
  - D. Jim had to take out the trash.
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3.

Downstairs, Mrs. Dorn shook her head while she picked up the jacket that had landed on the floor instead of the railing. She glanced up the stairs toward her son's room. Scotty used to come home tired, but full of stories about his day. Now, she could barely get a hello out of him. He just wanted to go straight to his room. She couldn't really complain, though. Along with his strange behavior came a sudden interest in doing additional chores around the house. She sighed and hung the jacket in the closet.

Which word from the passage above is used as a transition word?

- A. now
- B. toward
- C. sudden

D. closed

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4.

The campers trudged through the forest wearily. It had been a very long day for all of them. First they had learned how to pitch their tents and build a campfire, and then they had hiked several miles with all their gear on their backs. They had done a lot of hiking. Now they were returning to their campsite, and they had to put up their tents again, this time for real. A different group of people had learned how to sail on the lake that day. They were required to clean up after dinner, but then they were promised a break. Mr. Jones had agreed to tell one of his famous ghost stories while they roasted marshmallows.

Which sentence or phrase from the paragraph is redundant?

- A. It had been a very long day for all of them.
  - B. They had done a lot of hiking.
  - C. A different group of people had learned how to sail on the lake that day.
  - D. to tell one of his famous ghost stories while they roasted marshmallows
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5.

Every summer Shannon's family spent two weeks at the beach, renting a house right on the water. They knew several other families that went to the beach at the same time, so Shannon and her brothers had friends to play with. They spent most days playing in the sand and water, building sandcastles and tunnels, and swimming in the ocean. If it rained they stayed home and played games or cards. After dinner they often took long walks on the beach. During these walks, Shannon learned a lot about astronomy from her mother. Spending two weeks at the beach was Shannon's favorite part of the summer.

What is the topic sentence of this paragraph?

- A. During these walks Shannon learned a lot about astronomy from her mother.
  - B. Spending two weeks at the beach was Shannon's favorite part of the summer.
  - C. Every summer Shannon's family spent two weeks at the beach, renting a house right on the water.
  - D. They knew several other families that went to the beach at the same time, so Shannon and her brothers had friends to play with.
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6.

Each spring our school schedules a field day. Every spring every class has a special event. Kindergarten and first grade students run relay races. Second and third graders compete in sack races and tug-of-war. The upper grades challenge each other in volleyball.

Which would make a good closing sentence for the passage above?

- A. The field day was a flop.
  - B. All students enjoy the day of fun.
  - C. The gym teachers judge the competitions.
  - D. Nobody wants to lose at any of these games.
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7.

Harriet went camping with her family. First, they set up the tent, and it was facing the lake. Mom and Dad cooked dinner on the camp stove. Later on, her little brother got a fire going to roast marshmallows.

Which would make a good closing sentence for the above paragraph?

- A. Harriet had a great time on the camping trip.
  - B. Harriet's tent was soaking wet, and ruined forever.
  - C. Harriet went swimming in the lake the next morning.
  - D. Harriet soon discovered that she was allergic to marshmallows.
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8.

It was the last day of summer vacation. Amy and Roger wanted to go to the beach. After much begging, Mom and Dad decided to take them. Amy, Roger, Mom and Dad built sand castles and swam all day long. The family enjoyed their day at the beach.

What does the underlined sentence do for the paragraph?

- A. introduces the main topic
  - B. summarizes the main topic
  - C. gives more detail about an idea
  - D. provides a transition between ideas
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9.

Ariel went to gymnastics early to get some extra practice. However, no one was there to open the gym for her.

The underlined word in the sentence above is a transitional word. Which BEST describes the purpose of that particular transitional word?

- A. to show a contrast
  - B. to show an example
  - C. to make a concession
  - D. to make a comparison
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10.

On Saturday, we went to the playground. It is just down the block from our house.

Anna played on the slide. I played on the swings. We were also at the playground two weeks ago. We had fun all afternoon on the playground.

Which sentence is NOT related to the main idea of the paragraph?

- A. On Saturday, we went to the playground.
- B. It is just down the block from our house.
- C. Anna played on the slide.
- D. We were also at the playground two weeks ago.

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11.

Mrs. Allison takes very good care of her garden. Before the weather even warms up she is outside raking up leaves and planting flowers. In the spring, Mrs. Allison spends hours each day digging, planting, watering, and hoping for rain. Summer is a good time to stay inside, but Mrs. Allison gets up early every morning to work in her garden. You can find her weeding and watering before it gets too hot. By the end of the summer, Mrs. Allison and the flowers are ready for some cooler weather. There is always something to do in the garden, though.

Which is the main idea of the paragraph?

- A. Gardens take a lot of time and care.
- B. Spring is the best time to be in the garden.
- C. Working in the garden is almost impossible.
- D. It is too hot to work in the garden in the summer time.

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12.

There are many ways to make a sandcastle. Then, press the sand into shapes to form the castle. First, start with wet sand so it will pack well. Finally, smooth the sand out until your castle looks the way you want it. You can then enter your castle into a contest and maybe even win!

Which sentence is incorrectly placed in the paragraph?

- A. There are many ways to make a sandcastle.
- B. Then, press the sand into shapes to form the castle.
- C. Finally, smooth the sand out until your castle looks the way you want it.
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13. A sentence in a paragraph that summarizes the topic is called a

- A. topic sentence.
- B. run-on sentence.
- C. closing sentence.
- D. supporting sentence.

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14.

Tetras, which come primarily from South America, can be found in a wide variety of colors. The cardinal tetra has neon blue and red stripes, while the lemon tetra is a semi-transparent yellow. Tetras are freshwater fish and are relatively strong and easy to keep. They are very peaceful, undemanding fish and can be kept with other nonaggressive fish of the same size. Most tetras need a diet of live food, preferably fruit flies, although some will also eat vegetables, such as lettuce. All tetras need plenty of open space in the tank to swim. Lighting in their aquarium should be moderately bright.

Which sentence would best support the paragraph above?

- A. Rabbits and gerbils also eat lettuce.
- B. Butterfly fish are brightly colored too.
- C. Female tetras are heavier than the males.
- D. Aquariums can be purchased at pet stores.

15.

Mr. Lester ordered coffee and muffins for himself and his wife. Mrs. Lester used to work at a coffeehouse just like this one. The children had cinnamon buns and hot chocolate. After enjoying their treats, the Lesters decided it was time to go home and left.

Which is the BEST topic sentence for the paragraph above?

- A. Coffee is not always the best thing to bring a family together.
- B. The Lesters would some day like to own their own coffeehouse.
- C. The Lesters' neighborhood is getting larger every day with new businesses opening all the time.
- D. Early Saturday morning, the Lesters went to the new coffeehouse in their neighborhood.

16.

Selena went shopping with her mom at the grocery store. First, they picked out some vegetables and fruits. After that, they stopped at the frozen dinners section. Selena likes going to the computer store. Her mom bought some milk, bread, and eggs. They checked out and went home to put the groceries away.

Which is the main idea of the paragraph?

- A. Selena's first day of computer class
- B. the difficulty of organizing groceries
- C. Selena's shopping trip with her mother
- D. Selena dealing with high prices at the grocery store

17.

Every summer Sharon's family spent two weeks at the beach, renting a house

right on the water. In addition, they knew several other families that went to the beach at the same time, so Sharon and her brothers had friends to play with. They spent most days playing in the sand and water, building sandcastles and tunnels, and swimming in the ocean. However, when it rained they stayed home and played games or cards. Afterwards, they often took long walks on the beach. During these walks Sharon learned a lot about astronomy from her mother. Spending two weeks at the beach was Sharon's favorite part of the summer.

Which is NOT a transitional word or phrase used in the passage above?

- A. in addition
- B. however
- C. afterwards
- D. in contrast

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18.

Each class has a special event. Kindergarten and first grade students run relay races. Second and third graders compete in sack races and tug of war. The upper grades challenge each other in volleyball. All students enjoy the day of fun.

Which would be a good topic sentence for this paragraph?

- A. Volleyball is our school's best sport.
- B. Each spring our school schedules a field day.
- C. Gym class meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- D. The second and third grades have a pretty good rivalry going.

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19.

First, we learned that some dinosaurs ate meat, and so they had to hunt. Second, we learned that the brontosaurus was a huge dinosaur that liked to eat plants. I asked the tour guide if there were any dinosaurs alive now. He said that there are not, but he said that some animals, like birds, are like dinosaurs. After I got home from the museum, I told my sister about dinosaurs.

Which would make the BEST topic sentence for the paragraph above?

- A. Museums have a wealth of information.
- B. My sister does not know a thing about dinosaurs.
- C. When I get older, I would like to work in a museum.
- D. On our field trip to the museum, we learned a lot about dinosaurs.

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20.

By lunch time, Steve began to think he was going to make it through the day without seeing Mark, the school bully. After social studies, he was crossing the hall

to Mrs. Peterman's room. He had started to feel safe so he looked down at the papers that were slipping from his hands. When he looked up, boom! There was Mark Steedleman standing by the boys bathroom. He knew his friends Chris and John were already in the computer room. John had really loved computers ever since third grade. Steve froze in his tracks, smiled to Mark, and turned around, running all the way to his seat in Mrs. Peterman's room.

Which sentence does NOT support the main idea of the paragraph?

- A. After social studies, he was crossing the hall to Mrs. Peterman's room.
- B. There was Mark Steedleman standing by the boys bathroom.
- C. He knew his friends Chris and John were already in the computer room.
- D. John had really loved computers ever since third grade.

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Which sentence would NOT add new information to the paragraph above?

- A. The bleeding-heart tetra has a red spot on its side.
- B. Other fish in the tank should not be bigger or smaller.
- C. If no other food can be found, they will eat dried food.
- D. The water in the aquarium should be about 75 degrees.

22. The purpose of a transitional sentence in a paragraph is to

- A. close the topic.
- B. begin the topic.
- C. repeat the topic.
- D. sequence the topic.

23.

Later, after my papers were delivered, I went to the bike store. I checked the price tag on a shiny green bike. It was exactly like the one my brother had shown me in his bike magazine, but the price was higher. The store bike was \$229.00. That was \$25.00 more than the same bike in the magazine. I checked the price tag, sighed softly, and turned to head home.

Which phrase in the paragraph is redundant?

- A. the price was more
- B. I checked the price tag

- C. my brother had shown me
  - D. after my papers were delivered
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24.

He tried on a pair of shoes and walked around to see how they felt. He stooped over and pinched the toe area. There was enough space to wiggle his toes. Since they were the right fit and felt comfortable, Jerry said, "Wrap them up; I'll take them."

Which sentence would be a good topic sentence for this paragraph?

- A. Jerry went to the store to get a pair of new shoes.
  - B. Shopping for shoes is the easiest thing you can do.
  - C. If you do not buy the right shoes, you can break your foot.
  - D. Shoes are the most important article of clothing you wear.
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25.

Jill was eating a sandwich when her mom walked in and surprised her. Quickly she stuffed the peanut butter and jelly sandwich in her pocket. She knew mom's rule about eating in the living room. Bob always obeys mom's rules. Eating was never allowed except in the kitchen. What was she going to do? She stuffed the peanut butter and jelly sandwich in her pocket. That was not going to solve anything. Jill felt safe for now but knew laundry day was tomorrow.

Which phrase or sentence in the paragraph is repeated?

- A. Jill was eating a sandwich when her mom walked in and surprised her.
- B. Bob always obeys mom's rules.
- C. stuffed the peanut butter and jelly sandwich in her pocket.
- D. That was not going to solve anything.

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(Answer Key)

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3. now
4. They had done a lot of hiking.
5. Every summer Shannon's family spent two weeks at the beach, renting a house right on the water.
6. All students enjoy the day of fun.
7. Harriet had a great time on the camping trip.

8. provides a transition between ideas
9. to show a contrast
10. It is just down the block from our house.
11. Gardens take a lot of time and care.
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13. closing sentence.
14. Female tetras are heavier than the males.
15. Early Saturday morning, the Lesters went to the new coffeehouse in their neighborhood.
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18. Each spring our school schedules a field day.
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