



Writing a Thesis Statement

In an argumentative or persuasive text, a thesis statement states the author's claim and often clues the reader as to how the author intends to develop the argument. The thesis sentence usually follows some kind of brief introductory passage, and typically appears in the first paragraph.

SAMPLE TOPIC: What is a healthy diet?

SAMPLE THESIS SENTENCE: Many people find it difficult to follow a healthy diet because words like "healthy" and "natural" have been coopted by the food industry for marketing purposes, and skewed so much by regulations about what kinds of ingredients foods can contain while still bearing these labels, that when it comes to packaged foods, these clue words have become meaningless.

DIRECTIONS: Write a thesis sentence to go with each topic below.

1. What is one thing that schools don't teach that you think they should teach?

2. What is the most important thing kids need to learn by the time they graduate from high school?

3. Should a student's large social media following be a factor in whether or not they get accepted to college?

