

Topic Sentences for Explaining Problem Solving

When you need to write a full paragraph explaining the steps you took to solve a word problem, try one of the topic sentence strategies listed below. The topic sentence is important because it serves as the controlling statement that guides the rest of the paragraph.

"To" Plus a Verb Topic Sentences

1. To find the answer for the fourth question, I followed six steps.
2. To solve the problem about cups and plates for the party, I used these steps.
3. To figure out how much paper everyone in the class would need, I did three things.
4. To find the correct answer to Problem 18, I completed these four steps.

Action Verb Topic Sentences

1. I found the answer to Problem 5 by doing three things.
2. I solved the problem about the fish in the fish tank by finishing these four steps.
3. I completed the problem about dividing the cake by doing four things.
4. I answered the problem about making the cookies by following these steps.