

# ADDING TOPIC SENTENCES AND CONCLUSIONS

For each of the following, you must add a topic sentence to start, and a concluding sentence at the end.



ONE

For example, learning a second language can increase intelligence. Indeed, Ellen Bialystok, a psychologist at York University, found that people who learn a foreign language often score higher results on standardized tests (326). Another compelling reason for multilingualism is that it can increase a child's self-confidence, better equipping them to make friends and succeed later in life. If that isn't enough, it has also been shown that people who speak more than one language are more open-minded and culturally sensitive.

TWO

As millions of dollars are being spent on research and development, the concept of a self-driving car is no longer just a thing of sci-fi movies and comic books. Indeed, it is commonly believed that in the not-so-distant future there will indeed be self-driving cars on the road and available for purchase. These cars are already being used in the military to negotiate bomb-ridden terrain, and are now being developed for the consumer by well-known companies such as Google and BMW.

THREE

My parents died when I was still a baby, and so my grandfather raised me. He took me in, cared for me and helped me become the person I am today. Whenever I have had to make challenging decisions, my grandfather has been there to guide, encourage and help me. Moreover, he has inspired me to be a better version of myself and to think of others before myself.

FOUR

In the last few decades, non-violent protest has become a known practice of many political protestors from anti-Vietnam War protestors such as John Lennon, to many civil rights activists such as Martin Luther King Jr. However, Mahatma Gandhi was arguably one of the most famous advocates of non-violence as a form of political resistance and he set a model for many to follow. Certainly it could be argued that the many peaceful protestors since have been inspired by Gandhi's example.

FIVE

Indeed, being able to order food online, being able to binge-watch television series from your sofa, and not having to see a person face-to-face to interact with them, are some of the many examples of how technology has made it all too easy for us to be inactive. Arguably, these may all be positive, convenient advances, but they have reduced our need to exert physical energy in our daily lives, which is making us lazier and may well have damaging physical and social effects.



\*Note: These are just SUGGESTED answers to help guide your discussion. Students may have other valid sentences.

ONE

There are many reasons why learning a second language is a beneficial process.

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Therefore, it is clear that there are many compelling reasons why children should be taught more than one language.

TWO

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Although there are still many kinks to work out, the self-driving car may well be the most common car of the future.

THREE

My relationship with my grandfather has been the most important relationship in my life.

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It is clear to me that without my grandfather's influence, I would be a completely different person.

FOUR

Mahatma Gandhi pioneered non-violent protest.

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Thus it is clear that Gandhi was a pioneer in non-violent resistance, and a pivotal character in history.

FIVE

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Thus we need to consider how we use technology in our lives, and assess whether or not we are doing so without compromising our health.