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Topic Sentences

Directions: Write a topic sentence on the blank lines for each paragraph.

1. _____

Some people don't remember their dreams. They may think they don't dream at all, but they do. Other people remember only a few dreams, so they think they don't dream very often. In fact, adults have three to five dreams in a night. Even babies show physical signs of dreaming.

2. _____

Wild animals are sometimes bought as pets because they are unusual or beautiful. Then the new owners find that they can't give a wild pet the living conditions it was used to. The animal may cause severe bites and scratches when startled or angered. It may have diseases that it passes along to humans or other animals. Many of these wild pets die within two years.

3. _____

Manufacturing companies and other businesses are continuing to move to the Atlanta area. New hotels, office buildings, and apartment complexes are being built in downtown Atlanta. The population of the metropolitan area has passed two million.

4. _____

A smile is a clue that the person is happy or at least amused. Knitted brows mean either worry or deep thought. Tears, of course, usually tell of sadness or pain.

5. _____

There are people, for example, who travel around the world seeking opportunities to climb mountains. Others like the danger of speed, either legally on a racetrack or illegally on the freeway. Still others risk their lives in shark-infested water, and there are those who find their thrills by rocketing into space.

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Organizing Ideas

Part A

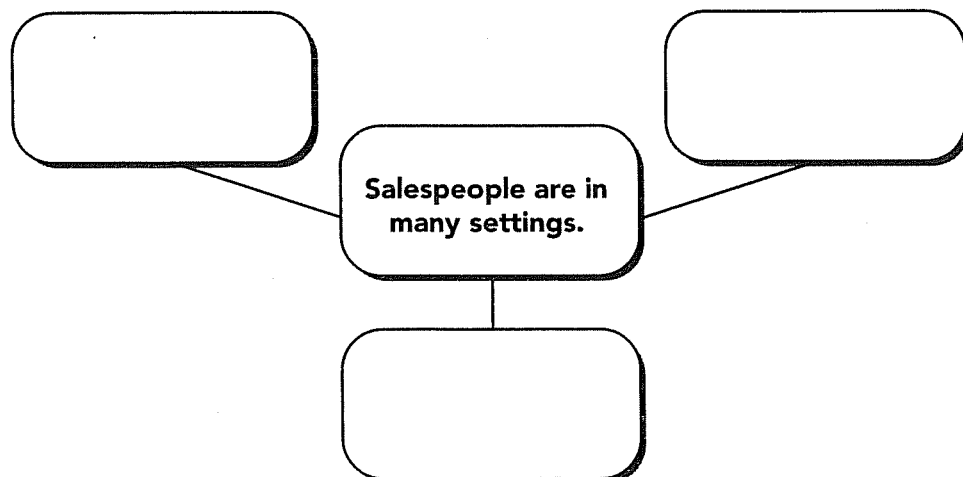
Directions: Use the following outline to write a paragraph on the benefits of regular exercise.

- A. Have a good time
 - 1. Enjoy sport or activity
 - 2. Get together with friends
- B. Feel better
 - 1. Have more energy
 - 2. Feel more relaxed
- C. Look better
 - 1. Tone up muscles
 - 2. Burn off fat

Part B

Directions: Read the paragraph below. Then complete the idea map based on the details in the paragraph.

Salespeople work in many different settings. People who do direct selling demonstrate their products in people's homes or try to sell over the phone. A retail salesperson works in a store. Wholesalers travel to many retail stores to offer their products to store representatives.



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Transitions

Directions: Use the list of transition words and phrases to help you fill in each blank with the term that best links the sentences and paragraphs in the following passage. Add commas where they are needed.

advantage	different	furthermore	like	similar
also	disadvantage	however	moreover	third
another	finally	in addition	next	the most important
as a result	first	in contrast	on the other hand	then
both	for example	in that case	one	therefore
consequently	for instance	later	second	

Following a budget helps people keep from running out of money. _____ a budget helps people spend their money for the things they need or want most. _____ a person on a budget may eat a brown-bag lunch at work in order to buy a cassette tape. There are three major steps in budgeting.

_____ estimate your income. If your only income is a regular salary, this step is easy. _____ you may have a job where your hours vary, or you may sometimes get extra money from a side job. _____ choose a past period of time to help you estimate your future income.

_____ estimate your expenses. On one hand, you will have certain fixed expenses, such as rent or mortgage and a car payment. _____ you will have expenses that vary, depending partly on your choices. These expenses include clothing, food, and entertainment.

_____ write down what you actually spend. This helps you adjust your budget. _____ you may find you are able to spend less for clothes than you have allowed. _____ you may be able to increase your allowance for entertainment.