

**(BUG1E2)**

# **Sentences in Paragraph: Supporting Sentence**

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# The supporting sentences are:

## Major

- supporting details directly explain or support the CONTROLLING IDEA of the paragraph in ONE COMPLETE SENTENCE.

## Minor

- supporting details explain the MAJOR DETAILS in the paragraph. Typically, a MINOR DETAIL comes after a MAJOR DETAIL.

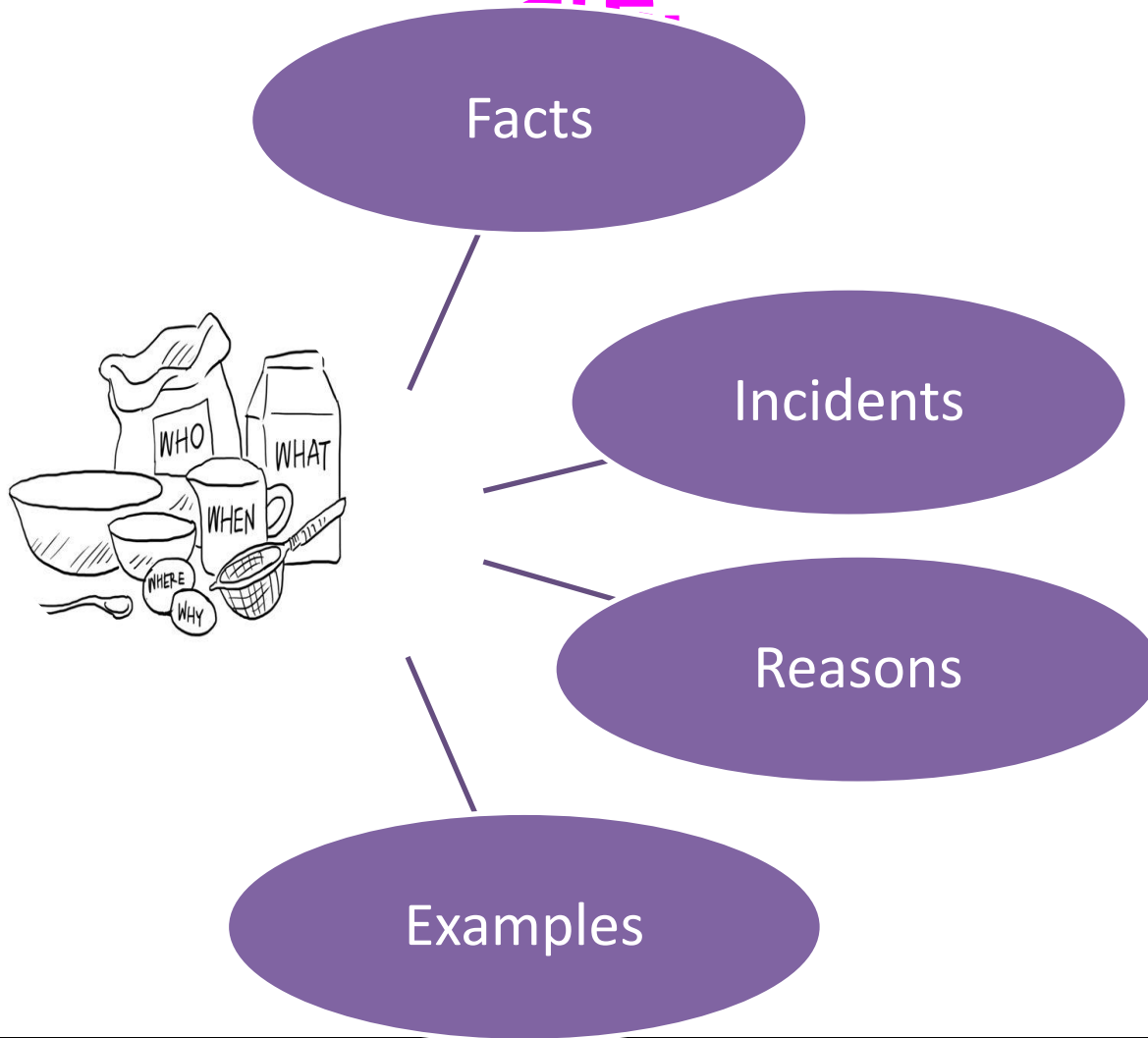
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Topic Sentence



# The types of supporting sentences

are:



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- A. Fact
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- C. Reason
- D. Example

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3. On the other hand, the Web is like a delivery service.

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- B. Incident
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# Identify the type of the supporting sentence.

4. Delivery service trucks use highways to move packages from one place to another.

- A. Fact
- B. Incident
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# The supporting sentences are:

## 1<sup>st</sup> Detail: Fact ⇒ related to the Internet

1. The Internet is like a system of highways.

### Minor detail:

2. Information traffic from the Web travels over the Internet.

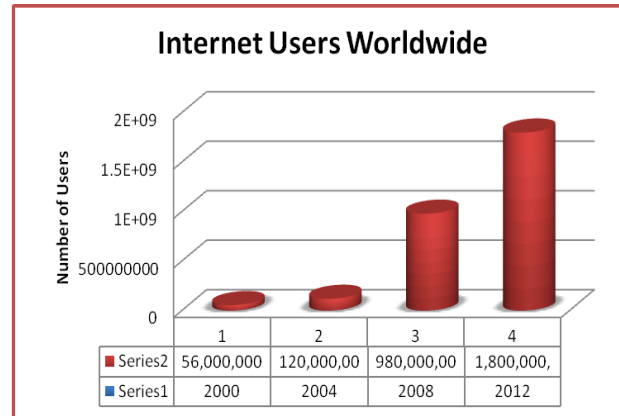
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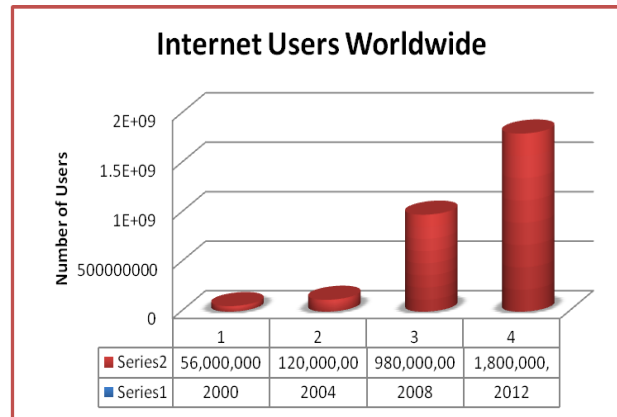
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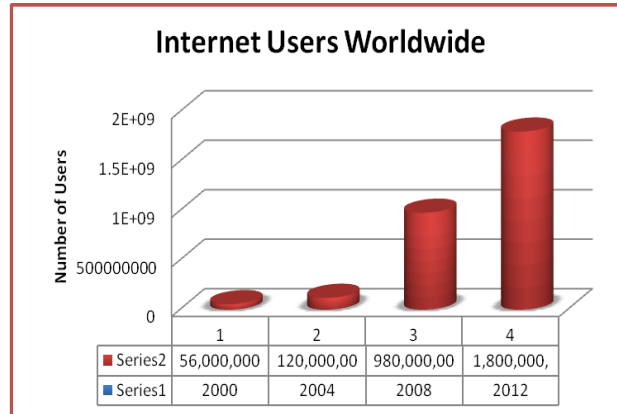
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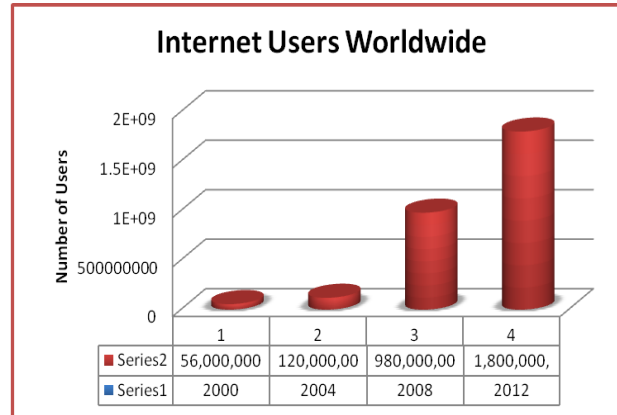


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- A. Fact
- B. Incident
- C. Reason
- D. Example

# Identify the type of the supporting sentence.

2. It was then released to the public in 1991.

- A. Fact
- B. Incident
- C. Reason
- D. Example

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3. By then, the number of internet hosts had grown to more than 600,000 as web browsers took off.

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- B. Incident
- C. Reason
- D. Example

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4. In 1992, there were over a million computers connected to the Internet.

- A. Fact
- B. Incident
- C. Reason
- D. Example

## Identify the type of the supporting sentence.

5. This doubled to over two million in 1993, the same year in which the White House and United Nations were connected.

- A. Fact
- B. Incident
- C. Reason
- D. Example

## Identify the type of the supporting sentence.

6. By 1994, the number of internet hosts grew to more than three million and the web grew by more than 341,000 per cent.

- A. Fact
- B. Incident
- C. Reason
- D. Example

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7. In 1995 Microsoft launched Microsoft Internet Explorer to compete against Netscape while Sun Microsystems launched Java.

- A. Fact
- B. Incident
- C. Reason
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# The supporting sentences are:

## 1<sup>st</sup> Detail: Fact ⇒ 1990

1. A. The first world-wide-*web software* was created by Tim Berners-Lee in 1990 .  
B. It was then released to the public in 1991.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Detail: Fact ⇒ 1991

2. By then, the number of internet hosts had grown to more than 600,000 as web browsers took off.

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Detail: Fact ⇒ 1992

3. In 1992, there were over a million computers connected to the Internet.

## 4<sup>th</sup> Detail: Fact ⇒ 1993

4. This doubled to over two million in 1993, the same year in which the White House and United Nations were connected.

## 5<sup>th</sup> Detail: Fact ⇒ 1994

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## 6<sup>th</sup> Detail: Fact ⇒ 1995

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# Let's create supporting sentences:

## Introductory sentence:

Connecting to the Internet from your computer is very easy.

## Topic sentence:

Here are the basic instructions for setting up an Internet connection using the Internet wizard.

# Let's create supporting sentences:

## Transition signals:

First, second, once, then, last.

# Identify the type of the supporting sentence.

1. First, open the Connect to the Internet wizard by clicking the Start button.

- A. Fact
- B. Incident
- C. Reason
- D. Example

# Identify the type of the supporting sentence.

2. Second, click the Control Panel.

- A. Fact
- B. Incident
- C. Reason
- D. Example

# Identify the type of the supporting sentence.

3. After that, select the Network and Internet.

- A. Fact
- B. Incident
- C. Reason
- D. Example

# Identify the type of the supporting sentence.

4. Once the Network and Internet is open, click the Network and Sharing Center.

- A. Fact
- B. Incident
- C. Reason
- D. Example

# Identify the type of the supporting sentence.

5. Then, choose Set up a connection or network.

- A. Fact
- B. Incident
- C. Reason
- D. Example



# Identify the type of the supporting sentence.

6. Last, click Connect to the Internet.

- A. Fact
- B. Incident
- C. Reason
- D. Example

# The supporting sentences are:

## 1<sup>st</sup> Detail: Incident ⇒ 1<sup>st</sup> Step

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## 3<sup>rd</sup> Detail: Incident ⇒ 3<sup>rd</sup> Step

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## 6<sup>th</sup> Detail: Incident ⇒ 6<sup>th</sup> Step

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# Let's create supporting sentences:

## Introductory sentence:

The biggest impacts of the internet is actually on our daily lives.

## Topic sentence:

For example, many people use the internet to find a job and plan their travel.

# Identify the type of the supporting sentence.

1. Previously, seeking a job required several visits to the offices and companies for interviews.

- A. Fact
- B. Incident
- C. Reason
- D. Example

## Identify the type of the supporting sentence.

2. Today, all that you are required to do is to email your resume to the company's analysis division.

- A. Fact
- B. Incident
- C. Reason
- D. Example

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3. The result is that you can quickly find out the possibility for getting the job instead of waiting and getting rejected in the end.

- A. Fact
- B. Incident
- C. Reason
- D. Example

## Identify the type of the supporting sentence.

4. The internet can now also be used to inquire about the flight timings and delays.

- A. Fact
- B. Incident
- C. Reason
- D. Example

# Identify the type of the supporting sentence.

5. These make it easier to plan for the departure time.

- A. Fact
- B. Incident
- C. Reason
- D. Example



# The supporting sentences are:

## 1<sup>st</sup> Detail: Example ⇒ related to seeking job

### Minor details:

1. Previously, seeking a job required several visits to the offices and companies for interviews.
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Study the following paragraph.

Find the topic sentence of this paragraph.



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(Modified from Tina, 2008)

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## 1<sup>st</sup> Detail: Example ⇒ 1<sup>st</sup> problem

1. For example, teenagers spend hours talking or writing to whom they called friends, but they actually never meet face to face with one another.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Detail: Example ⇒ 2<sup>nd</sup> problem

2. Also, people can overshare unnecessary information on their social networks.

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Detail: Example ⇒ 3<sup>rd</sup> problem

3. Invitation to play online games becomes annoying and filled our news feed every single minute.

## 4<sup>th</sup> Detail: Example ⇒ 3<sup>rd</sup> problem

4. The worst is that there are many people who are addicted to online chatting and become depressed.



# The supporting sentences are:

Topic Sentence





The top bun is your topic sentence

The sentences that come next are your supporting detail. They are like the lettuce, tomato and hamburger patty in the middle

Holding everything together is the bottom bun of the hamburger. It is a concluding sentence.

Introductory Sentence

Topic Sentence

Supporting Sentences

Concluding Sentence

**Make sure you write  
complete supporting  
sentences!**



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