**Exercise 1**

**Circle the topic and underline the controlling idea in the topic sentences below.**

1. Pizza is easy to make if you follow these steps.
2. If you compare an apartment with a house, you will find several important differences.
3. There are several ways to reduce stress.
4. Not getting enough sleep can have negative effects on a student.
5. One of my backpacking trips was almost my last.
6. A good journalist has to have special talents and skills.

**Exercise 2** Editing a paragraph

**Read the paragraph. Draw a line through the sentences that are irrelevant. There are five irrelevant sentences**.

When I want to eat steak, I got to my **favorite restaurant**, Saltgrass Steakhouse, because I always have a good experience. I love walking through the big, heavy, wooden doors because the spicy smell of grilled meat makes my mouth water. The hostess knows my family, and she always gives us a good seat where we can watch the other customers and enjoy the cowboy decorations on the walls. The service is friendly and efficient. On the other hand, the cook is often grumpy. He yells at the waiters sometimes. ***The waiters always******bring crayons and paper for my daughters***. I always order the rib-eye steak because the grilled meat is tender and seasoned with delicious spices. After dinner, we talk and enjoy the atmosphere. ***It is not good to eat there every day because the beef has a lot of fat***. All red meat has a lot of fat, and it can cause problems such as high cholesterol. I like to eat at Saltgrass Steakhouse once a month, ***but I would eat more often if I had the money.*** It has the best steak in the city.

Exercise 3 Identifying thesis statements

**Read the short essay. The thesis statement is missing. Choose the best thesis statement from the list following the short essay.**

A good game that is simple and fun for everyone is hopping tag. Children love it because it is fun, and adults love it because there is no fancy equipment and anyone who can jump can participate.

­­­­­­­­ Hopping tag follows the same basic procedure as regular tag with a few additional rules. First, decide on the boundaries. It is a good idea to play outside in a backyard or in a park because you will want to have plenty of room to move around. Once you have a good place to play, choose one person to be *It.* That person must then “tag” another player by bumping into the person. Then the tagged player becomes *It*. Finally, in hopping tag all players must keep their arms at their sides and their ankles together. This means that they must jump instead of run, and they must tag with their shoulders or hips rather than their hands. If a player does not keep his ankles together or his arms at his sides, he is cheating and must sit out for five minutes.

In conclusion, hopping tag is a great game for people of all ages because it requires no equipment and is easy to play. People usually have a good time because they look funny jumping around with their bodies straight and their arms at their sides. Most people spend a lot of time laughing when they play this game.

1. I often play hopping tag with my friends.
2. Hopping tag is easy to play if you follow the steps below.
3. Hopping tag is different from regular tag in two important ways.

**Exercise 4**

Examining an Introduction

Read this introduction to an essay. Then answer the following questions.

**The Risks of Social Media**

Today there are more social networking accounts than there are people on the planet. Social networking allows people to share ideas with friends and family everywhere. It connects people in ways that were never possible in the past. Still, users of these sites should be cautious. Social media can be dangerous.

1. Underline the background information. What information does it provide to help readers understand what will follow?

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1. Underline the thesis statement. Based on the thesis statement, what do you think the essay will be about?

Social media can be dangerous.

1. What is the topic of the thesis statement?

Social Media

1. What is the controlling idea of the thesis statement?

Dangerous

**Exercise 5**

Write the body of paragraphs and the conclusion of the essay “The Risks of Social Media**”**

Second, you might make you threaten your health-self.

Healt is a something which can’t be bought with