

# Topic Sentences

## Occasion/Position Statements (a complex sentence)

Occasion = Reason for writing

Position = What you plan to prove or explain

### Starter Words

- After
- Although
- As
- As long as
- As soon as
- Because
- Before
- Even
- Even if
- Even though
- If
- In order that
- In order to
- Since
- So that
- Though
- Unless
- Until
- When
- Whenever
- Where
- Wherever
- Whether
- While

### Examples

While my friends and I prepared for this year's school play, I learned that the most important jobs in a production are handled by those who seldom step out on the stage.

When high school students choose to experiment with drugs or alcohol, everyone loses.

If junior high and high school students choose and complete demanding academic courses, they will be more prepared to handle college assignments.