

Main Idea Sentence Starters

- **(Amazing fact)** Amazingly, ...
- **(Amazing fact)** Incredibly, ...
- **(Amazing fact)** It is surprising, but ...
- **(Amazing fact)** Most people are shocked to realise that
- **(Anecdote)** An illustration of this was when ...
- **(Anecdote)** For example, ...
- **(Anecdote)** I will always remember the time when ...
- **(Anecdote)** I'll never forget the time when
- **(Descriptive segment)** Have you ever seen.....?
- **(Descriptive segment)** Let's examine the ...
- **(Descriptive segment)** Take a good look at
- **(Descriptive segment)** Would you recognise ...
- **(Including a quote)** _____ says, "_____."
- **(Including a quote)** Experts such as _____ agree. She/he says, "_____."
- **(Including a quote)** Just ask _____ who says, "_____."
- **(Statistics)** In fact, ...
- **(Statistics)** Most people don't realise that ...
- **(Statistics)** Statistics show that ...
- **(Statistics)** You may be surprised to learn that ...
- Actually, ...
- Are you aware of ...
- Are you aware that ...
- By the way ...
- Certainly, ...
- Currently, ...
- Do you realise that ...
- Do you remember when ...
- Don't you think that ...
- Experience shows that ...
- Experts agree that ...
- Finally ...
- First of all ...
- For sure, ...
- For years ...
- Have you ever thought about ...
- Have you ever wondered ...
- Historically ...
- How can ...
- How do ...
- How does ...
- Imagine ...
- In a funny sort of way ...
- In many ways ...
- In my experience ...
- In the first place ...
- Indeed, ...
- Interestingly enough, ...
- It all began when ...
- It is amazing to think about.....
- It is fascinating to learn about ...
- It is hard to believe, but ...
- It is interesting to learn about.....
- It is interesting to note that ...
- It is true that ...
- It's incredible that ...

- Let me explain ...
- Let me tell you about...
- Let's take a look at ...
- Most often ...
- Most people agree that ...
- Most people are unfamiliar with ...
- Most people believe that ...
- No one will argue that ...
- Normally, ...
- Now that ...
- Nowadays ...
- Of course, ...
- Of course, most people agree that ...
- Often times ...
- Positively, ...
- So why are ...
- So why is ...
- So, ...
- So, what about ...
- So, you want to understand how ...
- Sometimes ...
- Strangely enough, ...
- Suppose that you ...
- Surely, ...
- Surprisingly, ...
- There are many reasons why ...
- There are many ways in which ...
- Truly, ...
- Try to visualise ...
- Typically, ...
- Unquestionably, ...
- Usually, ...
- What's so great about ...
- When do ...
- Where can ...
- Why do ...
- Without a doubt ...
- Would you believe that ...
- Wouldn't you agree ...
- You may be surprised to learn.....
- You might be surprised to learn ...
- You might be surprised to learn that ...
- You will be excited to learn that...
- You will find that ...
- You'd better believe that ...
- You'll soon discover that ...
- You'll soon discover why ...
- You'll soon see that ...
- Take a moment to consider ...

These sentence starters will provide just the right inspiration to introduce your main idea.

The main idea is just a thought. To write a topic sentence, expand the sentence starter into an interesting sentence that let's your readers know what the paragraph is about.

Questions for Main Idea Details

What does it "look" like? Also think of what you can hear, feel and smell. Apply the five senses for exciting detail.

Why is this detail important? How does it relate to the main idea?

Is each detail in a separate sentence? Prevent boring lists.

Have I used specific examples? Avoid using phrases such as "cool stuff", "awesome things", "all kinds of" and "... and much more."