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## Writing Thesis Statements

A **thesis statement** is one sentence that establishes the focus of your essay. In an essay for English class, your thesis should always appear at the end of your introduction and it should be restated (worded in a new way) in your conclusion.

### Example Activity

**Topic:** You have won the lottery and can choose to travel anywhere in the world. Write about one place you would like to visit and explain why you'd like to travel there.

**Supports:**

1. I would travel to France because I love **French food**.
2. **Paris** is one of the most beautiful cities in the world and I would like to see it.
3. I would like to practice my **French** and become more fluent.

**Thesis Statement:** If I won the lottery and could travel anywhere in the world, I would travel to France because I love **French food**, I want to see **Paris**, and I would like to become more fluent in **French**.

**Exercise Directions:** Create a thesis statement based on the following information.

**Topic 1:** Education is important to have.

**Supports:**

1. It could enable one to get a better paying job.
2. It makes a person a more interesting individual.
3. It makes a person a more informed citizen.

**Thesis Statement:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Topic 2:** Bowling is a sport for everyone.

**Supports:**

1. It is not limited to any age group.
2. It can be played at any time.
3. It does not require any expensive equipment.

**Thesis Statement:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Topic 3:** Young children require a lot of care.

**Supports:**

1. You must provide for their physical needs.
2. You must provide for their emotional needs.
3. You must help them grow mentally.

**Thesis Statement:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Topic 4:** Driving a car is an important responsibility.

**Supports:**

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- 2.
- 3.

**Thesis Statement:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Topic 5:** Your school has some extra money to spend. It could be spent on a computer lab, new sports equipment, a cafeteria, or something of your choice. Write about what you would choose and why. (2007, 8)

**Supports:**

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

**Thesis Statement:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Topic 6:** Some young people view celebrities — including professional athletes, actors, and musicians — as role models. Do you think that celebrities are good role models? Explain why or why not. (2007, EOC)

**Supports:**

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

**Thesis Statement:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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