**Main Idea Group Activity**

Each rectangle has four sentences, one of which is the topic sentence. Cut apart the four strips in each rectangle, and place them in an envelope. (There are enough to have five envelopes.)

Place students into groups. Each group will receive one envelope. Allow each group to determine which sentence is the topic sentence. Have each group discuss (and/or write) how they know that the chosen sentence is the topic sentence. If time permits, rotate the groups through each of the envelopes. Also, some groups might need more practice than others, so this would helpful.

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| My favorite ice cream to get in the summer is mint chocolate chip. |
|  Ice cream is my favorite treat on a hot summer day. |
| Sometimes the ice cream man comes by my house in his truck, and I run out to get some! |
| The sun beats down on the ice cream and makes it melt all over my hand, but I don’t mind. |

(Answer: It is difficult to blow bubbles with gum.)

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| Once you have a glass of milk, squirt some chocolate sauce (or spoon in the powder) into the glass. |
|  Chocolate milk is made in three easy steps. |
| With a spoon, stir the mixture until it is all combined, and your white milk has turned chocolatey! |
| First, you have to pour regular milk into |

(Answer: Chocolate milk is made in three easy steps.)

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| Yesterday, my dog dragged the toilet paper from the roll in the bathroom all over the house! |

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| I have to be very careful about my homework, or I really will be able to say, “The dog ate it.” |
| With My dog is really naughty. |
| My dog has been known to get into things that he shouldn’t—like the trash can. |

(Answer: My dog is really naughty.)

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| Without my mom telling me, I go up to bed a few minutes early so that I can read my favorite book. |
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| I put on my pajamas, making sure to pick the most comfortable ones! |
| Every night I do the same things before bed. |
| At the end of the evening, I brush my teeth. |

(Answer: Every night I do the same things before bed.)