

Action Verb Topic Sentences

Directions:

- Use the three-part “burrito” fold to visualize an Action Verb Topic Sentence. This will help you focus on the verb as you create a topic sentence. The folded paper will also help you write a complete sentence.
- Select your “strong, action” verb first. Write it in the center column. Fill in the first and last columns. The action verb shows your position—what you plan to prove or explain.
- Remember to use action verbs in all topic sentences.

Examples

	Action Verb	
Our science group	identified	two important changes to the water as it boiled.
Mr. Peters	stresses	good nutrition and regular exercise in his classes.

- Thomas Jefferson, author of the Declaration of Independence and third president of the United States, **designed** several buildings.
- The attack by Japanese warplanes on Pearl Harbor in Hawaii **sparked** United States involvement in World War II.
- Wildfires in Indonesia **forced** many orangutans from the jungle onto palm oil plantations, where they were not welcome by people.
- At last night’s city council meeting, our mayor **encouraged** everyone to visit the new park.
- Hurricane Katrina **destroyed** parts of the Louisiana and Mississippi Gulf Coast.