

Thesis Statement Practice

A thesis statement is one sentence that expresses the main idea of your essay.

A thesis statement:

1. provides author with a direction to write his or her paper; and
2. provides the reader with an idea as to what the paper will be about.

In the activities that follow, construct a thesis for each of the prompts.

For each prompt write:

1. a topic question,
2. your opinion/claim,
3. two reasons to support your opinion, and
4. a thesis statement

The first example has been completed for you. Follow this example closely for the remaining prompts.

Prompt	Write an essay explaining the qualities of a true friendship.
Topic Question	What are the qualities of a true friendship?
Your opinion/claim	The qualities of a true friendship are loyalty and honesty
Two Reasons (Evidence) to Answer the Question	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. True friends support each other 2. True friends should trust each other
Thesis Statement	The qualities of a true friendship are loyalty and honesty because friends should support and trust each other.

Prompt	Write an essay explaining if technology is beneficial.
Topic Question	
Your opinion/claim	
Two Reasons (Evidence) to Answer the Question	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 2.
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Prompt	Write an essay explaining the meaning of courage.
Topic Question	
Your opinion/claim	
Two Reasons (Evidence) to Answer the Question	1. 2.
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Prompt	Write an essay explaining why it is sometimes necessary to take a chance.
Topic Question	
Your opinion/claim	
Two Reasons (Evidence) to Answer the Question	1. 2.
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