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Reasons and Examples

▲▲▲   Read the following paragraph and answer the questions.

Visiting Costa Rica

Costa Rica is a great place to spend a vacation for two reasons. First of all, Costa Rica has an excellent system of national parks where visitors can observe nature. For example, in Tortuguero National Park, visitors can watch sea turtles come ashore to lay their eggs in the sand. Visitors can then come back several months later to see the new babies crawl down to the sea. In Santa Rosa National Park, visitors can see unusual birds such as toucans and quetzals and exotic animals such as spider monkeys. Second, Costa Rica has many beautiful beaches. For instance, the beaches at Manuel Antonio National Park are among the most beautiful in the world, and the beaches on Cafioa and Cocos Island offer perfect conditions for snorkeling and scuba diving. Indeed, Costa Rica is a wonderful place to go if you love the outdoors.

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1. What is the title of this paragraph?
2. What is the topic sentence? What information does it give you?
3. How many supporting sentences are there?
4. How many reasons are given? What words introduce these reasons?
5. How many examples are given for each reason? What words tell you that these are examples?
6. What is the concluding sentence?

When you write a topic sentence that says something like Costa Rica is a great place to visit, you need to support it with reasons. You need to explain _why_ Costa Rica is a great place to visit. The writer of the paragraph above gave two main reasons why tourists enjoy visiting Costa Rica:

> It has many national parks where tourists can see nature.
> It has many beautiful beaches.

After you state your reasons, you need to support them. A good way to support reasons is to give specific examples. Specific examples can be names of specific people, places, or things. In the model paragraph, each of the reasons has two supporting examples. The examples are specific. They are actual names of places. Other specific examples in the paragraph are the names of birds and animals.

▲ ▲ ▲   Fill in the blanks with _for example_, _for instance_, or _such as_. Add commas where necessary.

Ex.   Denmark has many attractions for children ____ _such as_ ____ Tivoli Gardens and Legoland.

1.   In Sao Paulo, there is a mixture of architecture. You can see traditional architecture in buildings _____ the Martinelli Building and Banco de Estado de Sao Paulo.

2.   There are also many modern buildings in Sao Paulo. _____, the Banco Sumitomo and Conjunto Nacional are very modern in design.

3.   Tokyo's parks are very beautiful. _____, Hibiya Park is a popular place for tourists to visit.

4.   San Francisco has several ethnic neighborhoods _____ North Beach (Italian), the Mission District (Hispanic), and Chinatown (Chinese).

5.   When you visit the ethnic neighborhoods of Miami, you feel that you are in a foreign country. _____, in Little Havana you can easily imagine that you are in Cuba.

6.   Small Caribbean islands _____ Trinidad, Tobago, and St. Kitts are popular honeymoon locations.

7. Summers are much cooler in San Francisco than in Los Angeles. _____, the average July temperature in San Francisco is about 65 degrees Fahrenheit, but it is 85 degrees Fahrenheit in Los Angeles.

8. Mexico has many luxury beach resorts _____ Cancun and Cozumel.

9. Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula is full of archeological treasures. _____, the Mayan ruins near Merida are very well known.