

## Supplying Topic Sentences

**Directions:** Read each of the following paragraphs and then write two appropriate topic sentences to start it.

### I

Mr. Fellowship will be at every church picnic, bazaar, and dinner. There is never a dull moment when Frank is around. Frank loves to be around people laughing and having fun. Mr. Fellowship is in his early thirties; he is handsome and has a nice build. His most outstanding characteristic is his smile, a bright, glowing grin stretched from ear to ear. Mr. Fellowship's favorite thing to do is to go to church picnics. He is there from the moment the picnic starts till the moment it ends, rain or shine. He comes ready to organize games of softball, basketball, dominos, and carnival games, such as Pin the Tail on the Donkey, the three-legged race, and the dunking booth. Mr. Fellowship is usually the first man in the dunking booth because no one else will get in it. In addition, Mr. Fellowship is a master cook and is in charge of the barbeque. He can cook hot dogs and hamburgers better than any other church member, so nobody ever goes hungry. Another favorite activity of Mr. Fellowship's is Sunday school parties. The group can be large or small, but Frank always has a great time. Usually his parties have a theme—Hawaiian, western, or biblical. Mr. Fellowship enjoys giving these parties and would throw one every weekend if his wife would let him. At these parties, he serves great food, provides music, and has fun games. A master of charades, he uses his spare time to think up gestures for the next time he plays, and everyone always wants to be on Frank's team.

### II

Partying, undoubtedly, is one major attraction of college, but time spent partying is time not spent studying. Many incoming college freshmen think they can get by without studying, so they decide to party instead; this attitude can be suicidal for the student's GPA. Unlike high school, college classes move quickly through large amounts of material, and students can quickly become overwhelmed with the work load. Those students who chose to party instead of work can easily fall behind. When out partying, students can easily lose track of time, staying out till the early morning hours instead of getting their much needed rest. Everyone knows "time flies when you're having fun"; this is doubly true when spending time with friends. When alcohol is added to the mix, it only makes keeping track of time harder. Often times students decide to stay out "for a little while," but they quickly lose track of time, and before they realize it, morning has come. Even worse than simply losing track of time is passing out someplace, not waking up till late next morning, and possibly missing a class. The aftereffect of drinking, hangovers, can also take a heavy toll. It is almost impossible to concentrate with a pounding headache and a super sensitivity to light and sound, and the desire to sleep through this agony can cause students to miss class entirely. Those who are actually able to attend class, despite the hangover, will have a mind so fogged they will never be able to concentrate properly, causing a much higher incidence of careless errors. Thus partying, and poor time management in general, can quickly result in failing test grades.