

### Writing Essays: Thesis Statement

Level: High School

*A good thesis statement provides clear direction for your essay, telling readers your topic, narrowing it by making a claim, and naming three points of support that will be enlarged upon in the essay.*

**Read the thesis statements below. Circle the letter showing what part is missing/unclear, if any. If none, circle "d."**

**1. Technology has changed people's lives by making communication easier, making information more available, and causing a new set of problems.**

- a. The topic is missing or unclear.
- b. The claim is missing or unclear.
- c. The three points of support are missing or unclear.
- d. This thesis statement has all three parts.

**2. The concept of family has changed in several ways.**

- a. The topic is missing or unclear.
- b. The claim is missing or unclear.
- c. The three points of support are missing or unclear.
- d. This thesis statement has all three parts.

**3. Family gives support, love, and a sense of well-being.**

- a. The topic is missing or unclear.
- b. The claim is missing or unclear.
- c. The three points of support are missing or unclear.
- d. This thesis statement has all three parts.

**4. It is important so sentencing can be stable, just, and fair.**

- a. The topic is missing or unclear.
- b. The claim is missing or unclear.
- c. The three points of support are missing or unclear.
- d. This thesis statement has all three parts.

5. The importance of staying in school is shown through history.
  - a. The topic is missing or unclear.
  - b. The claim is missing or unclear.
  - c. The three points of support are missing or unclear.
  - d. This thesis statement has all three parts.
  
6. Sleep apnea can cause health issues like interrupted breathing, heart strain, and a lack of sleep.
  - a. The topic is missing or unclear.
  - b. The claim is missing or unclear.
  - c. The three points of support are missing or unclear.
  - d. This thesis statement has all three parts.
  
7. The role is important because of the office, the international influence, and the prestige associated with it.
  - a. The topic is missing or unclear.
  - b. The claim is missing or unclear.
  - c. The three points of support are missing or unclear.
  - d. This thesis statement has all three parts.
  
8. More people choose beach vacations for three reasons.
  - a. The topic is missing or unclear.
  - b. The claim is missing or unclear.
  - c. The three points of support are missing or unclear.
  - d. This thesis statement has all three parts.



## Writing Essays: Thesis Statement Answer Sheet

1. d
2. c
3. b
4. a
5. c
6. d
7. a
8. c