

Exercise 5: Thesis Statements

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Analyze the following groups of sentences. Then on the blank lines, write **TS** for a good thesis statement, **A** for an announcement, **T** for a title, **N** for a sentence that is too narrow, and **G** for a sentence that is too general. Each kind of sentence (**TS**, **A**, **T**, **N**, and **G**) appears only once in each activity.

Activity A

- a) _____ Mary has been my best friend for ten years.
- b) _____ I am going to tell you about my three best friends: Joe, Mary, and Jane.
- c) _____ Mary is a helpful, honest friend with a great personality.
- d) _____ Mary as a Friend
- e) _____ My ten best friends are helpful, have great personalities, and are trustworthy.

Activity B

- a) _____ Animals in Pet Stores
- b) _____ Animals in stores are placed in cages, have to interact with strangers, and feel insecure.
- c) _____ All of the animals in our world are so wonderful!!!!!!
- d) _____ Joe and Janet Smith have owned a poodle for more than ten years.
- e) _____ This essay is going to tell a story about animals in pet stores.

Activity C

- a) _____ Clothing should be organized according to the season, the colors, or the purposes.
- b) _____ I hate the small size of my closet.
- c) _____ Organization in a Closet
- d) _____ If you look into people's closets, you will see many different items.
- e) _____ My closet will be described in this paper.