



# How to write a strong Thesis Statement

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# What is a Thesis Statement?

- A Thesis Statement is a clear, concise statement of the writer's assertion about the subject. It directly answers the question or task asked of you.
- The Thesis Statement is a complete sentence or two in your introduction that expresses your position on a given topic and tells your reader what the essay is going to be about.

# Useful tips

- Think about your topic and take a position:

It is difficult to write a thesis statement on a topic that you know nothing about. In this case it's better to research the topic before drafting the thesis statement.



## Useful tips

- Think of a thesis statement as an umbrella:



Everything that you carry along in your essay has to fit under this umbrella, and if you try to take on packages that don't fit, you will either have to get a bigger umbrella or something is going to get wet.

## Useful tips:

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- Will I address this in my essay?

If you've mentioned Mahatma Gandhi in the thesis statement as the person you admire the most, keep your argument focused in the body of your paper.

# Useful tips

- Make sure your thesis statement is clear and understandable:



# Useful tips

- **Make the thesis statement contestable and debatable**

It can't be just a universal truth, such as "the sun rises every day". A paper with this kind of thesis statement would offer only an explanation, not an argument.



# Never use words that express:

- **Uncertainty:** Maybe, perhaps, might
- **Extremism:** Never, none, everything, all, always
- **Personal pronouns:** I, you, we
- **Exaggerations:** Best of the best



# Time for candies



**Assignment:** Discuss the positive and negative aspects of the Internet.

**Option 1:** The internet is an effective way to communicate with people from around the world, without time and space limitations.

**Option 2:** While the Internet provides unlimited communication with people, it can also limit the real life communication.

# Time for candies



**The Task:** Should government impose restrictions on what kinds of foods can be served in school cafeterias?

**Option 1:** This is a controversial topic, but I think in some cases it's preferable to impose restrictions for safety measures. However, in some cases the school authorities should decide what kinds of foods to serve in their schools.

**Option 2:** Government should impose restrictions on what kinds of foods can be served in university cafeterias to comply with food safety standards.

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