

Strategy 5

Make your ideas clearer by giving examples.

Exercise 19

Write the correct topic from the box for each paragraph below.

Topics:

- _____ how to prepare for a marathon
- _____ how to impress an employer
- _____ how to choose a pet dog

1. Topic: _____

The buyer needs to decide what size dog will be best for their family. **For example**, if the buyer lives in a small apartment, a terrier would be a good choice. On the other hand, a retriever would fit well with a family who has a large yard.

2. Topic: _____

The night before the race, runners should eat a dinner that will give them stamina the next day. **For instance**, my brother, who is a marathon runner, eats spaghetti before a race because the carbohydrates provide him with energy over several hours.

3. Topic: _____

Workers can do some extra tasks that other workers avoid. **For example**, they could clean up the lunch room and wash dirty coffee cups after other workers leave.

Exercise 20

Add an example for each of the sentences below like those in Exercise 19 above.

1. how to get a good grade in this class

The students need to have good study habits. **For example**, _____

2. how to overcome shyness

Next, it is helpful for shy people to attend a party. To prepare for the event, they should practice ways to start a conversation with a stranger. **For instance**, _____

3. *how to stay healthy in old age*

In addition to exercising their bodies, it is important for elderly people to exercise their minds. **For example,** _____

Exercise 21

- ☐ Think of four topics or use any of the topics below.
- ☐ Write paragraphs like those in Exercises 19 & 20 above. Write a sentence and give an example.

Topic Choices

Explain . . .

- how an older person can look younger.
- how to convince a policeman not to give us a ticket.
- how to make new friends at school.
- the effects that social media have on young people.
- what causes a family to have close relationships.
- what causes video games to be so popular.
- which is better: living alone or with a roommate.
- whether high school students should wear uniforms.
- whether spanking is the best way to discipline a child.

