

# From an Outline to Topic Sentences

- 1) **When there is extra information on the same line as the topic of the paragraph, it must be included in the topic sentence.**

## Loiasis

- III. Symptoms (develop when loa loa worms migrate to surface of skin)
- A. swelling in arms & legs
  - B. severe pain w/ movement
  - C. chronic abscesses
  - D. fever
  - E. itching

*Loiasis is characterized by several symptoms, which develop when the loa loa worms migrate to the surface of the skin.*

*The symptoms of loiasis develop when the loa loa worms migrate to the surface of the skin.*

## Leukemia

- IV. Treatment (if early, chances of survival increase)
- A. depends on type of leukemia
  - B. chemotherapy
  - C. bone marrow transplant
  - D. combine w/ anticancer drugs

*If treatment for leukemia is started early, the chances of survival increase.*

- 2) **General Information from points A, B, or C can be included in the topic sentence as categories. However, no word of addition term is used when switching from one category to the next.**

## Lupus

- III. Diagnosis
- A. medical history
  - B. physical examination
  - C. laboratory tests, e.g.
    - 1. autoantibody blood test
    - 2. urinalysis

### With Categories

Lupus is diagnosed on the basis of **the patient's medical history, a physical examination, and the results of laboratory tests**. The laboratory tests include an autoantibody blood test and urinalysis.

### Without Categories

The doctor relies on several tests to diagnose lupus. He asks for the patient's medical history and performs a physical examination. **In addition**, the doctor requests laboratory tests, including an autoantibody blood test and urinalysis.

## 3) Possibility must be mentioned when indicated in the outline.

### Depression

- II. Possible treatment options, e.g.
  - A. psychotherapy
  - B. physical exercise
  - C. medication
  - D. hypnosis

This outline indicates four possible treatment options, each of which is an example.

Treatment of depression **includes** several **possible** options. **For instance**, psychotherapy, physical exercise, medication, and hypnosis **can** successfully treat this condition.

### Catatonia

- II. Possible Causes
  - A. encephalitis
  - B. disease of blood vessels in the brain
  - C. medical conditions
  - D. trauma to head
  - E. certain metabolic abnormalities
  - F. some medications
  - G. major depression
  - H. bipolar disorder
  - I. schizophrenia

This outline indicates many possible causes, but they are not examples.

Catatonia **has** many **possible** causes. These causes **may include** encephalitis, diseases of blood vessels in the brain, and medical conditions, as well as trauma to the head and certain metabolic abnormalities. Some medications, major depression, bipolar disorder, and schizophrenia **may also** result in this disorder.