Thesis Sentences

A thesis sentence is your main idea. It is the first sentence of a paragraph. It is important to learn how to write this sentence.

When you learn how to write this sentence, your writing, speaking and thinking skills will also be better.

Here is an example.

Many Americans buy Japanese cars. (not a thesis sentence)

- Many Americans buy Japanese cars because of their competitive price, fuel economy, and high resale value.

How to make a thesis sentence.

1. Start with an idea (Many Americans buy Japanese cars.)
2. Write three reasons (competitive price, fuel economy, high resale value)
3. Change the period to because.
4. Put the sentences together.

Another Example

Dogs are great pets.
Dogs are great pets because they are loyal, are good friends and easy to train.

Dogs are great pets because they are loyal, good friends and easy to train. Having a dog is like having a loyal friend. They will stay with you and protect your family. To have a dog means you will never be lonely. If you want to stay home and relax or go outside and run in the park, your dog will also be by your side. During the first year, puppies should be trained to do basic things, like how to sit. Fortunately, dogs are easy to teach so they learn quickly. Some people think having a dog is hard but I disagree. Dogs are great pets and will be a fun, loyal friend for life.

Your Turn

Change these sentences into thesis sentences. Choose two and write a paragraph with the style; we learned last week.

1. I like my apartment.
2. Fast food is not good for people.
3. Busan is an interesting place to visit.
4. Chess is a great game.