B Level Supplementary Material

Practice 1
Below you will see pairs of sentences. Each pair contains one sentence that would make a good topic sentence and another sentence that would make a good detail sentence. Write T before the sentence in each pair that would make a good topic sentence. Write D before each sentence that would make a good detail sentence.

1. __________ Texas has 267,000 square miles.
   2. __________ Texas is so big that you can find many things to do.

1. __________ A bully is a boy or girl who acts mean or hurtful to others.
   2. __________ Bullies sometimes hit, kick, or push to hurt people.

1. __________ Heavy downpours on Earth's deserts can drastically change the landscape of these regions.
   2. __________ Ground-hugging shrubs and short woody trees survive better in the desert than evergreen trees.

1. __________ Kayaking is one camp sport.
   2. __________ Basic push-ups and pull-ups will improve your upper body strength so that you will be better prepared to conquer camp activities.

1. __________ There are several ways for accurately telling how old fossils are.
   2. __________ The animal dies and sinks to the sea floor.
Practice 2

Read each paragraph below. Think of the main idea for each. Then write a topic sentence that tells the main idea.

1. Many desert animals are nocturnal. They sleep during the day in burrows below the surface of the desert or hide in shaded areas. They come out at night to eat. Some desert animals do not need to drink water. They get water from the foods they eat. Most desert animals are small.

2. Which of these titles best reflects the main topic?
   a) Animal Survival
   b) Ways Desert Animals Survive
   c) Arabian Camels
   d) A Harsh Environment

3. Some bullies act the way they do to try to make themselves feel more important or more popular. Other bullies are acting out or copying things they have seen. Most bullies do not realize or understand how they are hurting others.

4. Which of these titles best reflects the main topic?
   a) Angry, Bully, Hate
   b) How to Be a Bully
   c) The Art of Playing Soccer
   d) Reasons for Bullying
The first rubber-soled shoes were developed and manufactured in the United States in the late 1800s. The shoe went through several variations until 1917 when the first canvas-top rubber-sole shoe was sold to the public. Henry Nelson McKinney, an advertising agent for N. W. Ayer & Son, named the new shoes "sneaker" because they were quiet as you walked.

6. Which of these titles best reflects the main topic?

a) The Invention of Keds
b) Sport Sandals
c) Modern Athletic Shoes
d) Melding Rubber to Cloth
ANSWER KEY

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1. D Texas has 267,000 square miles.
2. T Texas is so big that you can find many things to do.
1. T A bully is a boy or girl who acts mean or hurtful to others.
2. D Bullies sometimes hit, kick, or push to hurt people.
1. T Heavy downpours on Earth’s deserts can drastically change the landscape of these regions.
2. D Desert plants are mainly ground-hugging shrubs and short woody trees.
1. T Kayaking is one camp sport.
2. D Basic push-ups and pull-ups will improve your upper body strength so that you will be better prepared to conquer camp activities.
1. T There are several ways for accurately telling how old fossils are.
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Practice 2 - Answers will vary for odd numbers.
1. Desert animals have adapted to their harsh environment.
2. b) Ways Desert Animals Survive
3. People become bullies for a number of reasons.
4. d) Reasons for Bullying
5. The development of rubber-soled shoes brought about the invention of Keds.
6. a) The Invention of Keds

Practice 3 - Answers will vary.
1. Gypsies have unique physical features.
2. The gypsy way of life includes following distinctive customs.
3. This group of people is known for their wandering, nomadic lifestyle.