

## WRITING *An Opinion*

### *Topic sentence and supporting sentences*

The topic sentence is usually the first sentence of the paragraph. It tells the reader what the paragraph will be about. The supporting sentences in a paragraph support the main idea by giving more information about the topic sentence.

**A** Look at the review of Abboccato on page 56 and answer the questions.

1. What is the topic sentence? What does it tell us about the writer's opinion of the restaurant?
2. Which of the following information is NOT given in the supporting sentences?
  - a. facts about the restaurant
  - b. the reviewer's opinion
  - c. a history of the restaurant
  - d. an explanation of the restaurant's name

**B** Which of the following could be topic sentences?

1. High price guarantees high quality, however, this is not always true. *topic sentence*
2. Fortunately, the mountain wasn't so high and we were able to climb to the top.
3. For example, the atmosphere is very pleasant.
4. I dislike crowded places!
5. Finally, I think the museum is worth visiting.
6. There is a connection between personality and taste in music.

**C** Read the cartoon. Write two supporting sentences to follow Snoopy's topic sentence.



**D** You learned about a pay-what-you-like restaurant on page 59. These restaurants can be found in European cities such as London, Vienna and Edinburgh. Express your opinion of a pay-what-you-like restaurant to a partner and give reasons. Try to convince him / her that you are right.

*I think it's a good idea. You don't have to worry about the bill.*

*In my opinion, the restaurant will lose money. Then it will close down.*