

- 1) Underline the **topic sentence** of the following paragraph; remember that the topic sentence may sometimes **not** be the first sentence. Also, to support your identification of the topic sentence, list the **main points** of the paragraph that flow from the topic sentence.

Because they are practised during cold weather, winter sports have certain special advantages. Most obviously, sports like downhill or cross-country skiing provide excellent opportunities for people to enjoy themselves in a beautiful natural landscape of glistening snow and bright blue skies. In addition, winter sports can encourage us to get exercise at a time of year when we might otherwise remain inactive. And frequently these sports contribute to the local economy by bring people not only to recreational facilities but also to hotels and restaurants.

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Hockey is a popular winter sport in Canada and the USA. Skiing is especially appreciated in alpine countries like France, Italy or Austria. In Scotland, the traditional winter sport is curling, and in Holland it is skating. People in many places seem to enjoy winter sports, although the specific activities vary from country to country.

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Not all popular winter sports are competitive. Some, like hockey, downhill skiing or ski-jumping, do indeed tend to be very competitive. Curling is similar. There are famous contests for each of those sports every year, and winning or losing is a central part of the activity.. However, such sports as winter camping or ice-fishing usually are not played for scores or points; people engage in them simply for the pleasure that they bring. Exercise, good health and closeness to nature are the main rewards of sports like those.

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