Main Idea Sentence Starters

- (Amazing fact) Amazingly, ...
- (Amazing fact) Incredibly, ...
- (Amazing fact) It is surprising, but ...
- (Amazing fact) Most people are shocked to realise that ....
- (Anecdote) An illustration of this was when ...
- (Anecdote) For example, ...
- (Anecdote) I will always remember the time when ...
- (Anecdote) I'll never forget the time when ....
- (Descriptive segment) Have you ever seen.......?
- (Descriptive segment) Let's examine the ...
- (Descriptive segment) Take a good look at ....
- (Descriptive segment) Would you recognise ...
- (Including a quote) ____________ says, “________.”
- (Including a quote) Experts such as ____________________ agree. She/he says, “________.”
- (Including a quote) Just ask __________ who says, “________.”
- (Statistics) In fact, ...
- (Statistics) Most people don't realise that ...
- (Statistics) Statistics show that ...
- (Statistics) You may be surprised to learn that ...
- Actually, ...
- Are you aware of ...
- Are you aware that ...
- By the way ...
- Certainly, ...
- Currently, ...
- Do you realise that ...
- Do you remember when ...
- Don't you think that ...
- Experience shows that ...
- Experts agree that ...
- Finally ...
- First of all ...
- For sure, ...
- For years ...
- Have you ever thought about ...
- Have you ever wondered ...
- Historically ...
- How can ...
- How do ...
- How does ...
- Imagine ...
- In a funny sort of way ...
- In many ways ...
- In my experience ...
- In the first place ...
- Indeed, ...
-Interestingly enough, ...
- It all began when ...
- It is amazing to think about ........
- It is fascinating to learn about ...
- It is hard to believe, but ...
- It is interesting to learn about .......
- It is interesting to note that ...
- It is true that ...
- It's incredible that ...
• Let me explain ...
• Let me tell you about...
• Let’s take a look at ...
• Most often ...
• Most people agree that ...
• Most people are unfamiliar with ...
• Most people believe that ...
• No one will argue that ...
• Normally, ...
• Now that ...
• Nowadays ...
• Of course, ...
• Of course, most people agree that ...
• Often times ...
• Positively, ...
• So why are ...
• So why is ...
• So, ...
• So, what about ...
• So, you want to understand how ...
• Sometimes ...
• Strangely enough, ...
• Suppose that you ...
• Surely, ...
• Surprisingly, ...
• There are many reasons why ...
• There are many ways in which ...
• Truly, ...
• Try to visualise ...
• Typically, ...
• Unquestionably, ...
• Usually, ...
• What’s so great about ...
• When do ...
• Where can ...
• Why do ...
• Without a doubt ...
• Would you believe that ...
• Wouldn’t you agree ...
• You may be surprised to learn.....
• You might be surprised to learn ...
• You might be surprised to learn that ...
• You will be excited to learn that...
• You will find that ...
• You’d better believe that ...
• You’ll soon discover that ...
• You’ll soon discover why ...
• You’ll soon see that ...
• Take a moment to consider ...
These sentence starters will provide just the right inspiration to introduce your main idea.

The main idea is just a thought. To write a topic sentence, expand the sentence starter into an interesting sentence that let's your readers know what the paragraph is about.

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Questions for Main Idea Details

**What does it “look” like?** Also think of what you can hear, feel and smell. Apply the five senses for exciting detail.

**Why is this detail important?** How does it relate to the main idea?

**Is each detail in a separate sentence?** Prevent boring lists.

**Have I used specific examples?** Avoid using phrases such as “cool stuff”, “awesome things”, “all kinds of” and “... and much more.”