

Thesis Statement

The thesis statement is one or more sentences at the end of the introductory paragraph that tells readers about the main idea of the essay.

- 1) A thesis statement should clearly state or express what the essay is about.
- 2) A thesis statement is a complete sentence that presents a viewpoint about the topic.
- 3) A thesis statement should not be a simple statement of fact.

A: Read the following statements below. If you think the statement is a fact, write 'F' on the line. If you think the statement is a thesis, write 'T' on the line.

- _____ 1. An environment is a place where plants and animals live.
- _____ 2. School administration should pay more attention about the food and beverage choices available to school age children.
- _____ 3. There are several reasons for the existence of hunger in the world, and they are often interconnected. Here are five that I think are important.
- _____ 4. Alaska contains about 98% of the U.S. brown bear population and 70% of the total North American population.
- _____ 5. Along with food, water, and cleaning, pets need a lot of love and attention just like people.
- _____ 6. Hunger kills more people each year than AIDS, malaria, and tuberculosis combined.
- _____ 7. Poverty is the primary cause of hunger. Many causes of poverty include: people's lack of resources and an extremely unequal income distribution in the world.

B: Develop a thesis statement for the following topic: **ENDANGERED ANIMALS**
