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   ◆ Alligators like fresh water. ◆ Alligators have a rounded snout.
   ◆ The fourth tooth is exposed on a crocodile when their mouth is closed.

   Topic sentence:______________________________________________________________________________

2. ◆ You need to exercise daily. ◆ You need to eat variety of fresh fruits and vegetables.
   ◆ Water is important ◆ Calcium is found in a variety of foods other than milk.

   Topic sentence:______________________________________________________________________________

3. ◆ Clarion angelfish live in reef waters. ◆ Its thin body helps it slip in and around rocky reefs.
   ◆ A large Clarion angelfish is eight inches long. ◆ They eat sponges, sea grasses, and algae.

   Topic sentence:______________________________________________________________________________

4. ◆ Butterflies lay their eggs on leaves. ◆ Then, the eggs hatch into small larvae.
   ◆ The larvae grow and turn into caterpillars. ◆ The caterpillars spin a chrysalis or cocoon.

   Topic sentence:______________________________________________________________________________

5. ◆ The judge sat with a grim look on her face. ◆ The room was thick with anticipation.
   ◆ I wish I had that day to do over again. ◆ I will never drink and drive again.

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6. ◆ Many people gather to watch the bull riding. ◆ Others come for the food.
   ◆ The rides at the fair are awesome! ◆ Everyone can find something they enjoy doing.

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Topic sentence: Although alligators and crocodiles have much in common, they also have many differences.

2. ◆You need to exercise daily. ◆You need to eat variety of fresh fruits and vegetables.
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Topic sentence: In order to be healthy, you need to live a healthy lifestyle.

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Topic sentence: Clarion angel fish are quite unique.

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Topic sentence: There are several steps to the lifecycle of a butterfly.

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Topic sentence: The biggest mistake of my life led me to standing before a judge for my sentence.

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Topic Sentence: The county fair is a great place for entertainment and fun.