

Paragraph Review

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 ♦ Water is important ♦ Calcium is found in a variety of foods other than milk.

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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.

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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.

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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.**

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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.**
