



# Sentence Purpose Identification

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1 Evergreen trees keep their needles throughout the winter. The tiny needles do not let water evaporate like the broad leaves of the deciduous trees. Evergreens get their name because they are always green. **What is the topic of this paragraph?**

- A trees
- B winter
- C evergreens
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- A Joe is having a meeting at his house.

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describe ways to recycle?



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- C Save and reuse old boxes.
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What happened next?

- A No one won because it was tie.
- B They decided to end the game to be friends.
- C Army got a field goal and won the game.
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- A Everyone is afraid of the volcanoes.
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- C** Hiking can be easy or very hard.
- D** Hiking with a backpack can be fun.

(a)

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- A** Joe is having a meeting at his house.
- B** There's a surprise party for Miguel today.
- C** Joe's brother just won a swimming meet.

(b)



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