

1. Below are a number of bridging Topic Sentences taken from four readings. For each, use the organizer given and copy the part of the sentence that refers to the previous paragraph and the current paragraph into the appropriate box. The first one has been done for you.

Contrasts Between Chinese and Western Medicine

In contrast to this Chinese concept of a holistic view of the patient and their entire body, Western doctors tend to have a “micro” view of an organism and its illness.

Previous topic:	Chinese medicine looks at the whole patient and their body.
Current topic:	Western doctors look at specific problems and sickness that a patient has.

Both systems, Chinese or Western, also have their own techniques they use to actually conduct the diagnosis, and these are as dissimilar as how they view illness.

Previous topic:	Chinese and Western systems have their own techniques they use to actually conduct the diagnosis
Current topic:	How Chinese and Western Doctors view illness.

Compared to the way that Chinese medical practitioners diagnose patients, Western ones do seem quite impersonal and more distanced from their patients.

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Current topic:	Western ones do seem quite impersonal and more distanced from their patients.

The Cycles of Sleep

Following the relatively lighter stage one and two sleep, sleepers enter into the deepest part of the sleep cycle in the third stage when they become much less responsive to any outside stimuli, which evokes little to no reaction.

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Current topic:	sleepers enter into the deepest part of the sleep cycle in the third stage when they become much less responsive to any outside stimuli, which evokes little to no reaction.

Cloning and Stem Cells

Despite the benefits that cloning and the harvesting of stem cells could have for ailing patients in desperate need of new organs, there have been questions raised about the potential for abuse of such powerful medical technology.

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Nerve Cells

Armed with information about how neurotransmitters like serotonin, norepinephrine, and dopamine can result in personality and behaviour problems, scientists have developed various drug treatments that seem to stimulate or mimic the production or suppression of the chemical in question.

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Current topic:	scientists have developed various drug treatments that seem to stimulate or mimic the production or suppression of the chemical in question

2. Look at the series of Topic Sentences that bridge to the topic of the previous paragraph. Read them with your group and for each, write in your own words what the previous paragraph discussed.

In addition to advising patients to stay in bed and rest after receiving a concussion, doctors also recommend they avoid certain types of sensory input.

Previous topic:	Doctor's advice regarding activity after a concussion
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When one considers the possible benefits of genetic therapies and treatments, the negative side effects seem to be slightly less discouraging.

Previous topic:	Negative side effects of genetic therapies and treatments
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Using pressure allows the autoclave to achieve these high temperature, but there are only certain types of medical equipment that need such a method to be truly sterilized.

Previous topic:	How the autoclave achieves high temperature using pressure
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Despite the fact that they have such a massive size and skeletal structure, blue whales are surprisingly graceful and agile in the open ocean.

Previous topic:	Description of the blue whale's size and skeletal structure.
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3. Create two new bridging Topic Sentences on the topic of your choice. Be sure they follow the structure outlined above. Share them with your group and allow them to complete the exercise using your sentences.

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