

**EXERCISE 6•11** Following are thesis statements, their supporting topic sentences, and conclusions. Study each conclusion to determine if it logically concludes. If the conclusion is not appropriate, write *not good* in the blank, and write the reason it is not good in the space provided. If the conclusion is appropriate, simply write *logical* in the blank.

1. **Thesis Statement:**

Watching television is not a waste of time.

- a. It is a valuable educational tool.
- b. It provides entertainment to help us relax.
- c. It provides something our family can have in common to discuss.

★ Critics of television will continue to put down the "boob tube." But, because of its educational value, its entertainment value, and its provision of things we can discuss together, our family is going to continue watching television for a long time, and so should others. Indeed, watching television is a good way to spend one's time.

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2. **Thesis Statement:**

Communicating in a foreign language can create some embarrassing misunderstandings.

- a. Mispronouncing words can lead to real embarrassment.
- b. Misunderstanding what someone says to you can create amusing problems.
- c. Misusing vocabulary words can really make you blush.

Everyone who speaks a foreign language is bound to have misunderstandings from time to time. What you need to do is go to the laboratory as often as you can to improve your language skills. The people there are very nice, and they will help you with your grammar and pronunciation.

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3. **Thesis Statement:**

Television commercials are entertaining.

- a. The Coca-Cola commercial is a good example of an entertaining commercial.