A topic sentence in a process essay should do these two things: introduce the name of the next step and provide a transition (so you know it's the *next* step).

Examples: The first step to learning Korean is to learn the letters and what they mean.

Finally, the cookies are ready to be cooled and decorated.

After you finish making your bed, the next step is to clear your floor of all debris.

Consider using these transitions (both at the beginning and in the middle of paragraphs)

* while
* immediately
* never
* after
* later, earlier
* always
* when
* soon
* whenever
* meanwhile
* sometimes
* in the meantime
* during
* afterwards
* now, until now
* next
* following
* once
* then
* at length
* simultaneously
* so far
* this time
* subsequently

Sample Introduction (courtesy of Mr. Pogreba, HHS)

Even before opening the oven door, we can all smell the incredible treat we’ll soon enjoy after dinner. The sweet smells of nutmeg, cinnamon, brown sugar and pumpkin fill the air as we anticipate the best part of the Thanksgiving feast, my grandmother’s pumpkin pie. While almost every American family eats pumpkin pie on Thanksgiving Day, only mine is lucky enough to enjoy pie as delicious as the one my grandmother makes from a recipe over one hundred years old. Although it may seem challenging to make the world’s best pumpkin pie, anyone can learn to make a mouthwatering pie in three easy steps: preparing the ingredients, mixing the components, and baking them exactly the right way