



Sentence	Does it belong in the paragraph with the above topic sentence?
Benjamin showed an unusual interest in taking things apart and putting them back together.	No
In 1792, Benjamin published a famous almanac that predicted the timings of lunar and solar eclipses.	Yes
When Benjamin was 59, he was hired to help a team survey the land that would become the District of Columbia.	No
His interest in space began when Joseph Ellicott lent him books on the planets and mathematics.	Yes
His almanac also predicted the positions of the planets for every day of the year.	Yes
Benjamin showed a keen interest in insects such as cicadas and honeybees.	No
His almanac was so popular, that even Thomas Jefferson read it.	Yes

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