

SUPPORTING DETAILS

What are Supporting Details?

Supporting details support the main idea of a text.

Supporting details tell you more about the main idea of the text.

Example:

Main Idea = There are many signs that spring has arrived.

Let's list three supporting details of this main idea:

- The flowers are starting to bloom.
- The leaves are growing on the trees.
- There are many signs that spring has arrived.

These supporting



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1. If the main idea of an article is that the Space Mission was a success, what would be a supporting detail of this main idea?
 - a] The astronauts were able to complete all their assignments on the mission.
 - b] The moon is bright.
 - c] There are stars out tonight.
 - d] There are eight planets.
2. If the main idea of a paragraph is that birds build nests for their homes, which of the following would be a detail that would support this main idea?
 - a] Birds collect twigs and grass to build their nests.
 - b] Birds have feathers.
 - c] Most birds can fly.
 - d] Birds lay eggs.