

EXTRANEOUS DETAILS

What are Extraneous Details?

Extraneous details are details that are not necessary to include in a particular paragraph. They are details that are NOT related to the theme of a paragraph.

Example:

My dad makes the most delicious pancakes. He even makes them in different shapes every Saturday morning. My sister is not very hungry. I love the drizzling maple syrup all over the pancakes dad makes.

Which sentence above is unrelated or irrelevant to the paragraph's theme?

The answer = 'My sister is not very hungry.'

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Try This!

Find the Extraneous Fact

What information should NOT be included in a paragraph about playing soccer?

- a] You need shin guards to play soccer.
- b) Wearing cleats keeps you from slipping on grass when playing soccer.
- c] It is important to wear a mouth guard when playing soccer.
- d] Marian plays basketball sometimes.