

Adding Relevant Supporting Details

Relevant supporting details include information that supports the topic. They are relevant because they make sense, are on-topic, and make your writing stronger.

Directions: Determine which supporting details are relevant and support the main idea statement. Mark the three best details with a check mark. The first one has been started for you.

1. Main Idea: The zoo has many different animals in the exhibits.

Supporting Details:

- The ice cream stand at the zoo has my favorite flavor.
- There is an incredible black bear den to view at the zoo.
- The alligator swims right up to the glass where people can see it clearly.
- Giraffes have a large exhibit so they are able to roam and graze.
- The gift shop had picture frames, stuffed animals, and t-shirts for sale.

2. Main Idea: It is important to study before tests.

Supporting Details:

- The teacher handed out pencils for us to use during the test.
- Rereading notes is a way to remember information.
- One way to study is gathering in a group of friends to go over the study guide.
- I think learning about the solar system is really interesting.
- Flashcards are a great tool that help me study in the car and on the bus.

3. Main Idea: Trees are an important part of nature.

Supporting Details:

- Trees cover over one-third of the Earth's surface.
- Trees create oxygen, which is what we use to breathe.
- I planted a tree in my backyard.
- The oak tree is a very popular tree.
- Wildlife uses trees for food, shelter, and raising their young.

