

**Paragraph Part 3: Detail Sentences**  
**Video Notes**

1. Detail sentences \_\_\_\_\_.

- Sometimes detail sentences give \_\_\_\_\_.
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2. Underline the detail sentences.

Anna is an excellent student. She is intelligent. She is responsible. Anna always does her homework, and she is never late for class. As a result of her hard work, Anna is one of the best students in school.

3. Let's change the detail sentence. Does the new detail sentence explain or support the topic sentence?

Anna is an excellent student. She is intelligent. **She is so beautiful.** Anna always does her homework, and she is never late for class. As a result of her hard work, Anna is one of the best students in school.

4. Let's change it again. Does the new detail sentence explain or support the topic sentence?

Anna is an excellent student. She is intelligent. **She always makes A's.** Anna always does her homework, and she is never late for class. As a result of her hard work, Anna is one of the best students in school.

## Detail Sentence Practice

Instructions: Read the paragraph. Then choose the answer.

### Question 1.

People should not drink soda. Soda is an unhealthy drink. It contains a lot of sugar. This is why soda is so delicious. Also, soda contains caffeine and other chemicals that are not nutritious. For these reasons, people should avoid drinking soda.

- 1) Which detail sentence does NOT belong in this paragraph?
- This is why soda is so delicious.
  - It contains a lot of sugar.
  - Also, soda contains caffeine and other chemicals that are not nutritious.

### Question 2.

The best pet to own is a fish. First, fish do not require a lot of space. Secondly, fish are easy to care for. Finally, there are many types of fish that are beautiful, large, small, and exotic, so an owner has many choices of which fish to get. Of course, some fish are ugly and strange. For all of these reasons, fish make excellent pets.

- 2) Which detail sentence does NOT belong in this paragraph?
- Secondly, fish are easy to care for.
  - Finally, there are many types of fish that are beautiful, large, small, and exotic, so an owner has many choices of which fish to get.
  - Of course, some fish are ugly and strange.

### Question 3.

Children should not play video games. First, children should be active, so playing outside is better than playing video games. Secondly, many video games are violent. However, many video games are not violent. Finally, time spent playing video games could be spent reading or spending time with friends and family. In conclusion, many activities are better for children than playing video games.

- 3) Which detail sentence does NOT belong in this paragraph?
- Secondly, many video games are violent.
  - However, many video games are not violent.
  - Finally, time spent playing video games could be spent reading or spending time with friends and family.

### Detail Sentences – More Practice

Instructions: Each pair has a topic sentence and a detail sentence. Label each one.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ a) The best pet is a dog.  
\_\_\_\_\_ b) One reason is because dogs are friendly.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ a) Broccoli has iron and Vitamin K.  
\_\_\_\_\_ b) Vegetables are healthy.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ a) Biologists study living organisms.  
\_\_\_\_\_ b) One organism biologists study is cells.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ a) Some species of flowers are dangerous.  
\_\_\_\_\_ b) Hogweed flowers can burn your skin!