

Directed Learning Activity (DLA): Supporting Details

Outcome: At the end of this activity, you will be able to

- Read paragraphs and passages to select the most important details
- Understand the difference between major and minor supporting details
- Identify the different types of supporting details authors use to describe their topics.

Activity: Ask a Literacy Center tutor for the *Comprehension Skills Series: Understanding Significant Details* text.

1. Read Part One (pages 5-7), and answer the following questions:
 - a. Explain the term “details” in your own words.
 - b. What is the difference between major and minor details?
 - c. Minor details are always useless. True or False?
 - d. How does a reader find the major details in a paragraph?
 - e. List the 8 purposes of details and write down the definition of each one.

2. Read the following passages and circle the letter that best states the purpose.

#1: Money is a token of wealth with three main functions. First, money is a medium of exchange, a tool for simplifying transactions between buyers and sellers. Second, money also functions as a measure of value. Third, money serves as a place to store value.

- a. Definition
- b. give reasons
- c. advance story

#2: On the outside, I am an eighteen-year-old adult, but the reality is that I haven't a clue about what I am doing or what I'm supposed to be.

- a. Describe b. character c. define

#3: There are two strong influences on the content of dreams. One influence is the time of your dream. The other influence on the content of your dreams is presleep conditions.

- a. Examples b. explain c. character

3. Read Part Two (pages 8-16). Answer each Preview Quiz.

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4. Complete Practice Exercises 1-10 (pages 24-36). Write down your answers on the back for those that are not multiple choice.

Practice 1: 1.) _____ 2.) _____ 3.) _____ 4.) **Write your answer below.**

Practice 2: 1.) _____ 2.) _____ 3.) _____ 4.) **Write your answer below.**

Practice 3: 1.) _____ 2.) _____ 3.) _____ 4.) **Write your answer below.**

Practice 4: 1.) _____ 2.) _____ 3.) _____ 4.) **Write your answer below**

Practice 5: 1.) _____ 2.) _____ 3.) _____ 4.) **Write your answer below.**

Practice 6: 1.) _____ 2.) _____ 3.) _____ 4.) **Write your answer below.**

Practice 7: 1.) _____ 2.) _____ 3.) _____ 4.) **Write your answer below.**

Practice 8: 1.) _____ 2.) _____ 3.) _____ 4.) **Write your answer below.**

Practice 9: 1.) _____ 2.) _____ 3.) _____ 4.) **Write your answer below.**

Practice 10: 1.) _____ 2.) _____ 3.) _____ 4.) **Write your answer below.**

Tutor Review:

1. Ask a Literacy Center tutor for the answer key and check your answers. Write down the number correct: _____
2. If you miss more than 12 on the Practice Exercises, review your answers with a tutor.

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Tutor Signature

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