Supporting Details

Supporting details are reasons, examples, facts, steps, or other kinds of evidence that explain a main idea. (Page 103)

Levels of supporting details

Major details: explain and develop the main idea.

Minor details: help fill out and make clear the major details.

Signal words

List words that tell you a list of details is coming:

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| Several kinds of | Various causes | A few reasons |
| A number of | A series of | Three factors |
| Four steps | Among the results | Several advantages |

Addition words that signal major details:

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| one | first of all | in addition | furthermore |
| first | also | next | last of all |
| second | another | moreover | finally |