

Recognizing Main Idea and Details

A. Directions: Read each topic sentence. Then, on the line, write which type of supporting details would *most* effectively develop it.

1. The Panama Canal was the greatest engineering marvel of its time.

2. Franklin D. Roosevelt created a number of social programs that helped combat national poverty during the Depression.

3. Audrey Hepburn was not beautiful, but she was so charming and winsome that few people realized it.

4. I think every town should have a half-pipe.

5. Rainfall in our area was above normal for this time of year.

B. Directions: Read each incomplete paragraph. Then fill in a topic sentence to begin the paragraph. Finally, add a supporting detail—of the same type as the others—to end the paragraph.

6. _____

Spread out newspaper on the floor under the wall. Buy wide masking tape and carefully apply the tape to the top edge of the baseboards so that they are protected. This way you can paint right along the edge; when the tape is removed, the edge will be clean and sharp.

7. _____

Low-carb diets discourage people from eating fruit and encourage eating foods high in fat, such as eggs and cheese. They also promote their own low-carb products, which are processed foods full of unpronounceable chemicals.
