Supporting Details

1. Choose a paragraph you have written that you think might need work.

2. What is the main idea of the paragraph?

3. Write down each supporting detail. Does each detail support the main idea? Do you have 3 to 5 supporting details?

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4. Circle any of the details above that do NOT support the main idea. What are some supporting details could you use instead?

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5. Now rewrite your paragraph using the new supporting details. If all of your original supporting details supported the main idea, briefly explain why/how.