Now we’re going to learn about paragraphs.

Part 3: Detail Sentences.

You can watch the video and use the worksheet to take notes

and practice while you listen.

This video is one of four videos that tell all about paragraphs.

This video is part 3: Detail sentence.

Before you watch part 3, I would recommend that you watch part 1

that tell what is a paragraph, and part 2 about the topic sentence.

Then, after you watch this video, Part 3, I would recommend that you

watch Part 4 about the conclusion sentence.

Part 3 of the video explains detail sentences.

Now we’re going to talk about detail sentences.

Detail sentences explain and support the main idea.

Sometimes detail sentences give examples.

Sometimes detail sentences give reasons.

Sometimes detail sentences give steps in process.

Let’s look at our paragraph about Anna. The topic sentence is,

Anna is an excellent student.

The detail sentences are, she is intelligent, she is responsible, Anna

always does her homework, and she never late for class.

Do these detail sentences give examples, reasons, or steps in a process?

They give reasons. They all give reasons that the topic sentence is true.

They give reasons why Anna is an excellent student. Why?

Because she’s intelligent, she’s responsible, and she always does

her homework, and she’s never late for class.

Let’s change one of the detail sentences. She is responsible.

We’ll change that sentence to, she is so beautiful. Now, does the

new detail sentence explain or support the topic sentence?

So, does, she is beautiful, explain why Anna is an excellent student?

No, it doesn’t, so this sentence doesn’t fit our paragraph because all

detail sentences must explain and support the topic sentence.

Let’s change it again.

She always makes A’s.

What about this detail sentence? Does the new detail sentence explain

or support the topic sentence?

So, she always makes A’s, does this detail sentence explain why

Anna is an excellent student? Yes, it does, so this detail sentence

fits the paragraph.

Now let’s practice detail sentences. What we’ll do is read a paragraphs

and choose one detail sentence that does not belong in the paragraph.

I’ll read the paragraph aloud.

People should not drink soda. Soda is an unhealthy drink.

It contains a lot of sugar. This way soda is so delicious.

Also, soda contains caffeine and other chemicals that are not

nutritious.

For these reasons, people should avoid drinking soda.

Question one, which detail sentence does not belong in

this paragraph?

A. This is way soda is so delicious.

B. It contain a lot of sugar.

or C. Also, soda contains caffeine and other chemicals that are no nutritious.

Pause the video while you chose your answer, and we’ll check you

answer in a few minutes.

Number two, 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 or these reason, fish make excellent pets.

Two, which detail sentence does not belong in this paragraph?

A. Secondly, fish are easy to care for.

B. Finally there are many types of fish that are beautiful, large, small, and exotic.

Or C. Of course, some fish are ugly and strange.

Pause the video while you work.

And number three.

Children should not play video games. First, children should be active,

so playing outside is better then playing video games. Secondly

many video games are violent. However many video games are

not violent. Finally, time spent video games could be spent reading

or spending time with friends and family.

In conclusion, many activities are better for children then playing

video games.

Question three, which detail sentence does not belong in this paragraph?

A. Secondly, many video games are violent.

B. However, many video games are nor violent.

Or C. Finally time spent playing video games could be spent reading

or spending time with friend and family.

Pause the video while you find the detail sentence that does not belong.

Now let’s check our answers.

Question one, which detail sentence does not belong in this paragraph?

The answer is A, this is why soda is so delicious. Let’s mark it out.

Now, how do we know that this detail sentence does not belong?

Let’s read the topic sentence again.

People should not drink soda. So, all detail sentences in this paragraph

should explain why the topic sentence is true. That mean all of the detail

sentences need to explain reasons that people should not drink soda.

Sentence A, this is why soda is so delicious, does not give a reason that

people shouldn’t drink soda. In fact, this sentence gives a reason that

people should or might want to drink soda.

Sentences B and C both do give reasons that people shouldn’t drink soda,

so those sentences belong in the paragraph. A does not belong.

Question two, which detail sentence does not belong in this paragraph?

The answer is C. Of course, some fish are ugly and strange.

Now, how do we know that, that sentence doesn’t belong?

Again, let’s look back at the topic sentence. The best pet to own is fish.

All detail sentences in this paragraph need to explain why the topic

sentence is true. They need to explain the best pet to own is a fish.

Sentence C, of course, some fish are ugly and strange, doesn’t tell us

why the best pet to own is a fish. In fact, that sentence tell us a reason

not to own a fish, so that sentence doesn’t belong. Sentences A and B both give us reasons why the best pet to own is fish, so those sentences

do belong in the paragraph.

Question three, which detail sentences does not belong in this paragraph?

The answer is B, however, many video games are not violent.

How do we know that, that sentence does not belong?

Let’s look again at the topic sentence.

Children should not play video games. Every detail sentence in this

paragraph should give reasons that the topic sentence is true,

so they should give reasons that children should not play video games,

but sentence B, actually gives a reason that it might be okay to play

video games, so B doesn’t belong.

Sentence A and C do give us reasons that children should not play

video games, so those sentence do belong in the paragraph.

Detail sentences, more practice.

Instructions, each pair has a topic sentence and a detail sentence.

Label each one.

Number one, A, the best pet is a dog.

B, one reason is because dogs are friendly.

Is A a topic sentence or a detail sentence?

And what about B, is it a topic sentence or a detail sentence?

Number two, A, broccoli has iron and vitamin K.

B, vegetables are healthy.

Number three, A, biologists study living organisms,

and B, one organism biologists study is cells.

And finally number four, A some species of flower are dangerous.

B, hogweed flowers can burn your skin.

Pause the video while you work.

Now let’s check our answers.

Number one A is a topic sentence. B is the detail sentence.

How do we know this is true?

Because detail sentence give a reasons or example that explain that

topic sentences are true, so detail sentence B, one reason is because

dogs are friendly, gives us a reason that the topic sentence A is true.

It gives us a reason why the best pet is a dog.

Number two, A is a detail sentence and B is a topic sentence.

Why? Because detail sentence A, broccoli has iron and vitamin K, this

gives us an example that helps explain the topic sentence B, that

vegetables are healthy.

Number thee, A is a topic sentence and B is a detail sentence.

Why? Well, the topic sentence A says, biologists study living organisms,

and detail sentence B gives us an example of an organism that biologists

study. Detail sentence B says, one organism biologists study is cells.

Number four, A is a topic sentence and B is a detail sentence.

How do we know that’s correct?

Let’s look at detail sentence B, hogweed flowers can burn your skin.

This is an example that topic sentence A is true.

This is an example that some species of flowers.

Detail sentence, the end.

Our detail sentences practice for today is complete.

I hope this video helped you understand what a detail sentence is

and what it does in a paragraph. Thank you for watching.