**Identifying Support Sentences**

**Supporting Ideas**

Support sentences can be divided into two different types- ideas and details. Ideas give a general opinion or idea. Details provide specific examples and descriptions. Together, an idea and details form a supporting idea in support of the topic sentence.

Ex: I think cats make the best apartment pets. First, cats don’t need much space. They like to sleep up high. Even though apartments are small, one can still have high spots.

**Transitions**

Transitions can help you identify when support sentences start or change. Choose appropriate transitions to signal to your reader how ideas relate.

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| **Start Idea** | **Example** | **Description** |
| First, second, etc  To start with,  Next,  Another \_\_\_\_...  Additionally, | For example,  such as  like  For instance,  <sentence> | At night…  When we…  After…  Moreover,  Alternatively, |

**Directions:** The supporting ideas are mixed up. Reorganize the support ideas and support details into the right order.

**1-** However, electric cars can generate electricity while stopped at a light. **2-** These systems can react faster and make better choices than humans. **3-** Many consumers will benefit from the changes taking place in the auto industry. **4-** Aside from a shift in fuel, the autonomous car will make driving safer. **5-** These two inventions will converge to improve the cars of the future. **6-** Now, though, companies are training computers to drive. **7-** Electric cars are making cars cleaner and more efficient. **8-** Humans need to train to drive well, and many still don’t. **9-** Oil, the standard fuel for cars, creates more pollution and burns even when the car is idle. **10-** Human error or negligence has led to accidents that could have been avoided.

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