

Activity Type

Interactive reading and writing exercises

Language Focus

Supporting ideas and details

Aim

To practice developing a main idea expressed in a topic sentence through supporting ideas and details.

Preparation

Send each student a copy of the interactive worksheet.

Level

Intermediate (B1)

Time

45 minutes

Introduction

In this supporting sentences interactive worksheet, students practice developing a main idea expressed in a topic sentence through supporting ideas and details.

Procedure

Send each student a copy of the interactive worksheet.

Students begin by reading about supporting ideas and details. The students then read each topic sentence and supporting idea, and add a second supporting idea.

Exercise A - Possible answers

1. Good language learners are not afraid to make mistakes.
2. Visit car dealerships to arrange test drives.
3. Dogs need training so that they behave appropriately.
4. K-Pop is a relatively recent style of music that has become globally popular.

Next, students read the topic sentences and supporting ideas provided, and add supporting details in the form of an example or explanation.

Exercise B - Possible answers

1. This is because they need to find time for extracurricular activities, studying, maintaining a social life, and in some cases, having a part-time job.
2. For instance, this money can be invested in improving schools, hospitals, and important infrastructure such as roads and public parks.

Finally, students use the prompts provided to write a topic sentence, a supporting idea, and supporting details.

Exercise C - Possible answers

1. Society benefits in a number of ways by providing education to girls. One of the main advantages is that gender equality in education improves national economies. It does this because it provides a boost to human capital, which leads to a more productive economy.

(continued on the next page)

Note: This is an editable PDF. To edit the document, select the Edit PDF tool in Acrobat.

Activity Type

Interactive reading and writing exercises

Language Focus

Supporting ideas and details

Aim

To practice developing a main idea expressed in a topic sentence through supporting ideas and details.

Preparation

Send each student a copy of the interactive worksheet.

Level

Intermediate (B1)

Time

45 minutes

Procedure continued

2. Working from home has some advantages over working in an office. One obvious benefit is that it reduces stress. For instance, a person working from home can start and finish work when they want, they do not have to wear business attire, and they do not get caught in traffic jams or ride in crowded subway carriages.
3. There are a number of reasons why keeping animals in zoos should be banned. The first argument for ending zoos is that they do not provide enough space for animals. For example, some larger animals, like elephants, normally travel up to 40 kilometres per day in the wild.
4. Regular exercise leads to some very positive effects. The most obvious of these benefits is an improved appearance. This is because it results in weight loss, better muscle tone, and an improved posture.
5. There are some key differences between economy flights and business class flights. The most notable distinction between them are their respective comfort levels. For instance, business class offers significantly more legroom, and allows passengers to fully recline their seats, so that they can enjoy a comfortable sleep.

Note: This is an editable PDF. To edit the document, select the Edit PDF tool in Acrobat.