

Name _____

Filter The Details Answer Key

Irrelevant details that should be crossed out:

- Some students enjoy drawing dragons and landscapes in their sketchbooks.
- The school cafeteria serves pizza every Friday during lunchtime.

Teacher's Guide

Purpose of the Skill

- Helps students identify which details support a main idea and which do not.
- Strengthens critical thinking and improves expository writing clarity.
- Encourages students to stay focused and avoid unrelated information in their own writing.

Teaching Tips

- Review how to test relevance: Does this detail help prove the main idea?
- Model crossing out one irrelevant detail and explain why it does not fit.
- Coach students to look for topic connections such as leadership, teamwork, academic growth, or social benefits.

Differentiation

- Provide a printed version with color-coded hints for students who need more support.
- Allow students to discuss each detail with a partner before deciding.
- Challenge advanced students to rewrite the paragraph using only the relevant details and add one more strong detail of their own.