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Supporting Details Hunt

Main idea: The school garden helps students learn in a hands-on way.

Supporting details students should underline:

- Students visit it every week to observe how different plants grow.
- They record changes in leaf size, color, and height in their science notebooks.
- Teachers use the garden to show how insects help flowers bloom.
- Many classes taste the vegetables they helped plant earlier in the year.

Teacher's Guide

Purpose of the Skill

- Helps students recognize how authors support a main idea with facts, examples, and observations.
- Strengthens reading comprehension and builds foundational expository writing structure awareness.

Teaching Tips

- Model how to spot details by asking: What information proves the main idea?
- Encourage students to justify why each underlined detail supports the main idea.
- Remind students that interesting details are not always supporting details.

Differentiation

- For students who need support, highlight the main idea first and provide a list of possible details for them to choose from.
- For advanced students, have them explain how each supporting detail connects to the main idea in complete sentences.
- Provide sentence frames such as: "This detail supports the main idea because..."