

Building From Details Answer Key

Responses will vary. Below is a sample strong transformation:

Set A Sample: After-school art programs help students practice creative problem solving while providing structured time to unwind after a long school day. These activities also lower stress by giving students a calming space to express themselves.

Teacher's Guide

Purpose of the Skill

- Helps students transform raw facts into **coherent supporting details**, a key expository writing requirement.
- Encourages synthesis, sentence fluency, and logical explanation.
- Strengthens the ability to turn lists into meaningful prose instead of bullet-style fragments.

Teaching Tips

- Model one transformation by combining two bullets into one polished sentence.
- Remind students not to copy the list. They should **connect ideas** and add clarity.
- Encourage students to use transitions or cause-and-effect phrasing when appropriate.

Extension Activities

- Have students create their own raw information lists and trade with classmates to transform.
- Apply the skill to research writing by transforming notes from sources into strong supporting paragraphs.
- Ask students to expand one of their transformed sentences into a full explanatory paragraph.