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## Expanding Details Answer Key

Student responses will vary. Below is a sample expansion of the first item.

Many students use public libraries to finish school assignments because they offer quiet study areas and reliable internet access. Librarians can also help students locate research materials quickly. These resources make the library an ideal workspace for completing homework.

### Teacher's Guide

#### Purpose of the Skill

- Strengthens students' ability to **develop** supporting details instead of leaving them vague or incomplete.
- Builds fluency in explaining ideas clearly using examples, reasoning, or elaboration.
- Helps prepare students for strong expository and argumentative paragraphs.

#### Teaching Tips

- Model expansion: take a simple detail and show three ways to elaborate using examples, explanations, or cause-and-effect.
- Encourage students to answer follow-up questions like **Why? How? What does this lead to?**
- Remind students that expansion should stay focused on the main idea.

#### Differentiation

- Provide expansion frames such as: "This matters because..." or "For example..."
- Allow students who struggle with writing to brainstorm verbally first.
- Challenge advanced students to add a concluding sentence that links the detail back to the main idea.