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Strong Vs. Weak Details Answer Key

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| 1. S | 5. W |
| 2. W | 6. S |
| 3. S | 7. W |
| 4. S | 8. S |

Teacher's Guide

Purpose of the Skill

- Helps students distinguish between **relevant** evidence and **off-topic** or weak details.
- Builds readiness for stronger expository paragraphs by clarifying how details support a main idea.

Teaching Tips

- Review the main idea together before sorting. Ask students: **Does this detail help prove the main idea?**
- Model one example by thinking aloud to show how strong details connect directly to the main point.
- Remind students that interesting facts are not always supporting evidence.

Differentiation

- Provide a visual T-chart for students who need more structure.
- Offer sentence stems such as: "This detail is strong because..." or "This detail is weak because..."
- For advanced students, have them rewrite weak sentences into stronger ones that match the main idea.