

Name _____

Support The Paragraph Answer Key

Answers will vary. Sample strong supporting details that fit the main idea include:

- He helps us practice patience when we wait our turn to hold him.
- We learn to observe animals carefully when we record notes about his behavior.
- Students show teamwork when they work together to refill his water bottle.
- He encourages kindness because everyone wants to keep him safe and comfortable.

Any detail that clearly supports the idea that the hamster helps students learn responsibility, care, or positive habits is acceptable.

Teacher's Guide

Purpose of the Skill

- Helps students practice identifying **supporting details** that strengthen a main idea.
- Encourages students to generate relevant, on-topic evidence instead of unrelated information.
- Builds foundational expository writing skills.

Teaching Tips

- Highlight the main idea first. Ask students: What is this paragraph mostly about?
- Clarify the difference between an on-topic detail and a random interesting fact.
- Provide sentence starters to guide students who need help.

Differentiation

- Offer a word bank with terms like responsibility, care, teamwork, patience for students needing support.
- Allow oral discussion before writing for emerging writers.
- Challenge advanced students to add **three** relevant supporting details instead of two.