

Choosing Appropriate Support

Supporting sentences in a paragraph help the reader to better understand the controlling idea. Supporting sentences provide examples, details, and facts, and must relate directly to the topic sentence.

- **Read each topic sentence. Two ideas support the topic sentence, and one does not. Select the idea that does not support the topic sentence.**

1. Ever since Greg Barton was in high school, he longed to be an Olympic champion.

- a. Greg's sports records.
- b. How Greg trained for the Olympics.
- c. Greg's academic achievements

2. The achievements of people like Greg Barton and Marla Runyan have inspired many others.

- a. Explanation of how they have inspired others.
- b. How many people have read about Greg Barton and Marla Runyan
- c. Greg Barton's and Marla Runyan's obstacles

3. The poverty-stricken lives of Frank McCourt's students deeply affected him.

- a. How Frank saw himself in his students.
- b. How Frank taught his students to write.
- c. How the students inspired Frank to write.

4. Training to run a marathon is a very difficult and time-consuming process.

- a. The patience needed to run a marathon.
- b. Reasons why people should run a marathon.
- c. The amount of practice and time needed to run a marathon.