

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.