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Topic Sentence & Supporting Details: Homework

1. Match the Main Idea 🧩

🧠 A **Topic Sentence** tells the reader the main idea of the paragraph. **Supporting Details** provide facts, examples, or evidence to prove the main idea.

Read the groups of supporting details below. Choose the best Topic Sentence from the word bank to match the details.

Word Bank:
1. Costa Rica's rainforests are full of amazing wildlife.
2. Surfing is a challenging but rewarding sport.
3. It is important to drink plenty of water every day.
4. Smartphones can sometimes distract students from learning.

A. You can spot colorful toucans in the canopy, hear howler monkeys in the distance, and find tiny tree frogs on the leaves.

B. They often buzz with notifications during study time, and social media apps tempt you to stop reading your textbook.

C. It keeps your body hydrated, helps your digestion work properly, and gives your brain the energy it needs to focus.

D. Balancing on the board takes strong leg muscles, and paddling out past the waves requires excellent stamina.

2. Choose the Best Support 🎯

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For each Topic Sentence below, choose the option that acts as the BEST **supporting detail**.

1. Sloths are perfectly adapted to living high up in the trees.

a) They move slowly to save energy.	b) The capital of Costa Rica is San José.	c) Harpy eagles are fierce predators.	d) Many tourists visit the local beaches.

2. San José is a busy city with a rich history.

a) It rains often in October.	b) You can visit the historic National Theater downtown.	c) Pineapples grow very well in warm climates.	d) My aunt lives in an apartment there.

3. Spot the Imposter 🕵️

Read the paragraphs below. One sentence in each paragraph is an "imposter" – an **irrelevant detail** that does NOT support the topic sentence. Write the irrelevant sentence in the box provided.

Paragraph 1:
My older sister is a very talented artist. She paints beautiful landscapes using watercolors. Her favorite food is pizza with extra cheese. She recently won first place in a local art competition for her drawing of a macaw.

Paragraph 2:
Recycling is an easy way to help the environment. It reduces the amount of trash that ends up in landfills. Some people like to play video games on the weekend. Recycling also saves natural resources like trees and fresh water.

4. Be the Author ✍️

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1. Read the supporting details below. Write a strong **Topic Sentence** that summarizes them.
Details: First, chop up onions, peppers, and cilantro. Next, fry them with yesterday's rice and beans. Finally, add Lizano sauce for flavor.

2. Read the topic sentence below. Write **two supporting details** that prove it is true.
Topic Sentence: Learning a second language like English opens up many new opportunities.

5. Paragraph Challenge 🚀

Write a short paragraph (4-5 sentences) about **your favorite weekend activity**.

Requirements:

- Start with a clear Topic Sentence.
- Write at least 3 Supporting Details.
- Underline your Topic Sentence so it stands out.

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