

OPINION *Writing*



LESSON: *Reasons vs. Supporting Details*

Reasons and supporting details are used to help you make an argument that supports your opinion. They give your audience more information about your opinion on a topic.

What's the difference between REASONS and SUPPORTING DETAILS??

Reasons:

In an opinion essay, a reason is a main idea that supports your opinion.

Example

Opinion: Dogs make great pets.

Reason: Dogs are very friendly and social animals.

Supporting Details:

Supporting details are statements, facts, or examples that are used to support the reason or main idea.

Example

Supporting Detail: They are always there to welcome you when you come home after a long day.

Directions: Tell whether each of the following are REASONS or SUPPORTING DETAILS. Use R for reasons D for details.

	R or D
 Homework takes time away from other extracurricular activities.	
 Students who spend a lot of time playing sports might have trouble completing their homework.	
 Students can use a smartphone as a calculator or to look up definitions.	
 Smartphones can help students in class when needed.	
 My classmates and I could take turns with feeding and cleaning up after our class pet.	
 A class pet would teach my classmates and me to be more responsible.	