**SUPPORTING DETAILS**

A paragraph contains facts, statements, examples-specifics which guide us to a full understanding of the main idea. They clarify, illuminate, explain, describe, expand and illustrate the main idea and are supporting details.

**Determining Supporting Details**

Decide which details help you to understand the main idea. Answer question raised by the main idea (who, what when, why or how).

**Types of Supporting Details**

* Stages – steps or phases
* Elements – basics, components, fundamentals
* Ways – techniques, habits
* Questions – requests, queries
* Results – outcomes, effects
* Examples – illustrations, samples
* Reasons – explanations, whys-and-wherefores
* Types – categories, sorts, varieties
* Causes – reasons, sources
* Symptoms – signs, indicators, warnings