

- The idea expressed in a topic sentence can be developed with sentences containing **supporting details**. Details can include facts, examples, and reasons.

A. Underline the topic sentence in the following paragraph, and then answer the questions that follow.

The municipal level of government is often the most relevant, accessible, and rewarding starting place for citizens who want to become politically involved. For example, if you have ever wished for better bus service, or more recreation centres, or environmentally friendly waste disposal, then local politics should be important to you. Municipal councils generally have fewer members than provincial or federal legislatures, and meetings take place right in the community, which means it may be easier to get access to the key decision-makers. Finally, municipal politics is rewarding because it allows ordinary citizens to influence the decisions that affect their lives and communities every day.

1. Identify one supporting detail that is a fact.

2. Identify one supporting detail that is a reason.

3. Identify one supporting detail that uses examples.

B. Read the topic sentences that follow, and then write three supporting details for each one. Use full sentences.

1. Old-fashioned print books still have some advantages over digital information sources.

2. We can all begin planning for our future careers before we finish high school.
