

Irrelevant Details

Name _____ Date _____

What is the correct way to write this sentence?

- A. On Monday me and my sister are going to brittlebank park for the day.
- B. On Monday, my sister and I is going to Brittlebank Park for the day.
- C. On Monday, my sister and I are going to Brittlebank Park for the day.
- D. On Monday, my sister and me is going to Brittlebank park for the day.

Finding Irrelevant Details 1

(1) I have been a happy bat all of my life. (2) I live in a dark cave near the forest. (3) Thousands of other bats live there with me. (4) We hang upside down from the roof of the cave. (5) There is a roof on your house too. (6) We leave at night to search for food. (7) Most of the time, I stay far away from people. (8) They frighten me.

1. Which sentence shifts focus by adding irrelevant details?

- A. Sentence 3
- B. Sentence 4
- C. Sentence 5
- D. Sentence 6

(1) Last night there was a big storm. (2) The lightening crackled and the thunder boomed. (3) Rain fell down in buckets. (4) Buckets are another name for pail. (5) The wind was so strong that the power lines blew down. (6) We had no lights for hours.

2. Which sentence shifts focus by adding irrelevant details?

- A. Sentence 3
- B. Sentence 4
- C. Sentence 5
- D. Sentence 6

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(1) Mack fell down on the playground. (2) He tore his favorite pants. (3) When he got home, he asked his father for some thread and a needle. (4) His father is the greatest dad! (5) Then he sat down and got to work on his pants.

3. Which sentence shifts focus by adding irrelevant details?

- A. Sentence 3
- B. Sentence 4
- C. Sentence 5
- D. Sentence 6

(1) Mother told Jay not to play ball in the house, but he did not listen. (2) He threw the ball to his sister, Lea. (3) But Lea could not catch it. (4) The ball knocked over Mom's favorite vase. (5) We have five vases in the house. (6) There was a loud crash. (7) When Dad saw what had happened he told the children there had better find some glue quick.

4. Which sentence shifts focus by adding irrelevant details?

- A. Sentence 3
- B. Sentence 4
- C. Sentence 5
- D. Sentence 6

Answer Key: Edit: C 1. C 2. B 3. B 4. C

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What is the correct way to write this sentence?

1. Dr and Mrs J R Stone went to everglades national park in Florida
2. dr and mrs j r Stone went to Everglades national park in florida
3. Dr. and Mrs. J. R. Stone went to Everglades National Park in Florida.
4. Dr and Mrs J R Stone went to Everglades National Park in Florida.

Finding Irrelevant Details 2

(1) Australia is a good place. (2) For one thing, I would like to see kangaroos hopping around as you go down the highway. (3) Would also like to see koalas. (4) It is fun to see these animals in zoos, but I would rather see them free. (5) My family and I went to the zoo when I was 6. (6) Besides having interesting animals, Australia has many kinds of land. (7) There are great beaches. (8) I've also seen pictures of strange rock shapes in the middle of the wild land. (9) I'd love to see them up close! (10) Finally, I would like to meet many Australian people. (11) I think Australia would be a great place to visit.

1. Which sentence shifts focus by adding irrelevant details?
 - A. Sentence 3
 - B. Sentence 4
 - C. Sentence 5
 - D. Sentence 6

(1) After visiting the beach, I wanted to learn about starfish. (2) Of course, starfish aren't really stars. (3) This name comes from their shape. (4) They're not fish either, though they start their lives in water pools by the seashore. (5) They can take care of themselves even when they are young. (6) Young starfish know what to eat. (7) Some starfish can later live deep in the sea, though they can't swim. (8) They move by using their legs and tube feet. (9) Large starfish also use their tube feet to grab and pull open the shells of clams and other sea animals. (10) I saw a starfish at the beach with my family last summer. (11) If a leg falls off, it grows right back. (12) The amazing starfish has become my favorite animal.

2. Which sentence shifts focus by adding irrelevant details?
 - A. Sentence 9
 - B. Sentence 10
 - C. Sentence 11
 - D. Sentence 12

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What is the correct way to write this sentence?

1. Last Tuesday we read about africa's victoria falls.
2. Last Tuesday we read about Africa's Victoria Falls.
3. Last Tuesday we read about Africas Victoria falls
4. last Tuesday we read about african's victoria falls

Irrelevant Details 3

(1) The school serves liver and onions for lunch every day. (2) I like liver and onions but not so much that I want to eat them all the time. (3) One time my mom cooked liver and onions. (4) They should have a different type of food each day. (5) That way, more people would like eating in the cafeteria. (6) I bet they would sell more meals too.

1. Which sentence shifts focus by adding irrelevant details?

- a. Sentence 2
- b. Sentence 3
- c. Sentence 4
- d. Sentence 5

(1) Dear Mom and Dad,

(2) We just got to the islands today. (3) We will be here for three days, and then we'll be back home. (4) I sent a postcard to grandma. (5) Please pick us up at the airport on Thursday at 6 PM. (6) I can't wait to see you on Thursday and tell you all about my trip!

(7) Love,
Mikey

2. Which sentence shifts focus by adding irrelevant details?

- a. Sentence 2
- b. Sentence 3
- c. Sentence 4
- d. Sentence 5

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(1) Honeybees are busy little insects. (2) They live together in hives. (3) Honeybees work hard to gather nectar from flowers. (4) Flowers come in all shapes and colors. (5) They often travel far from the hive to get the very best nectar. (6) Honeybees visit many kinds of flowers in their travels. (7) A worker honeybee may visit up to one hundred flowers each time it leaves the hive. (8) The honeybee brings the nectar back to the hive. (9) Here it is made into honey.

3. Which sentence shifts focus by adding irrelevant details?

- a. Sentence 2
- b. Sentence 3
- c. Sentence 4
- d. Sentence 5

(1) Some people hang birdhouses in their yard. (2) But many birds won't live in these houses. (3) One reason is the size of the hole. (4) If the hole is too small, a bird cannot get in or out easily. (5) If the hole is too big, larger animals might crawl inside. (6) They could harm the birds or their eggs. (7) The size of the hole must be just right. (8) Birds make homes out of twigs too.

4. Which sentence shifts focus by adding irrelevant details?

- a. Sentence 4
- b. Sentence 6
- c. Sentence 7
- d. Sentence 8

Answer key: 1. B 2. C 3. C 4. D