Build a Report

Sort sentences that start a report from sentences that add facts.

C.2.2 "Compose informative and/or explanatory texts, using writing and digital resources, to establish a topic and provide information about the topic. With guidance and support from adults..."

NAME _____ DATE _____

TOPIC SENTENCE

A topic sentence introduces what the writing is about. It helps the reader know what to expect.

Let's learn about bicycles.

DETAIL SENTENCE

A detail sentence gives a fact about the topic. It helps the reader learn more.

A bicycle has two wheels.

1 SORT

8 items

Read each sentence and circle TOPIC if it introduces a subject or DETAIL if it gives a fact.

1. This report is about penguins. TOPIC DETAIL
2. Penguins use their wings to swim. TOPIC DETAIL
3. Penguins eat fish. TOPIC DETAIL
4. Let's learn about sea turtles. TOPIC DETAIL
5. This page tells about bees. TOPIC DETAIL
6. Sea turtles lay eggs on land. TOPIC DETAIL
7. Bees collect nectar from flowers. TOPIC DETAIL
8. A sea turtle has a hard shell. TOPIC DETAIL

2 PROVE IT

Explain your thinking

Pick two items from Part 1. For each one, tell how you knew where it belonged.

ITEM # _____ **HOW I KNEW** _____

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3 MAKE YOUR OWN

One of each

Write one new TOPIC sentence and one new DETAIL sentence about the same subject.

TOPIC _____

DETAIL _____

CHALLENGE

Pick your topic sentence. Write another detail sentence about that subject using the word and.

ANSWER KEY # Build a Report

PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	This report is about penguins.	**TOPIC**	It introduces penguins as the subject.
2	Penguins use their wings to swim.	**DETAIL**	It gives a fact about how penguins swim.
3	Penguins eat fish.	**DETAIL**	It gives a fact about what penguins eat.
4	Let's learn about sea turtles.	**TOPIC**	It introduces sea turtles as the subject.
5	This page tells about bees.	**TOPIC**	It introduces bees as the subject.
6	Sea turtles lay eggs on land.	**DETAIL**	It gives a fact about sea turtles.
7	Bees collect nectar from flowers.	**DETAIL**	It gives a fact about bees.
8	A sea turtle has a hard shell.	**DETAIL**	It gives a fact about a sea turtle.

PART 2 · PROVE IT

Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item.

PART 3 · MAKE YOUR OWN (SAMPLE ANSWERS)

- **TOPIC**: This report is about ants.
- **DETAIL**: Ants carry food back to their nest.

Challenge: Ants work together, and they carry food to their nest.

For Part 2, students choose two items and explain that a TOPIC sentence introduces the subject or a DETAIL sentence gives a fact about it. In Part 3, check that each detail matches its topic and that the challenge sentence uses and.