Proof or Detour

Presentation to your principal: Our school needs a covered bike rack.

8.1.S.3 "Students will give formal and informal presentations in a group or individually, providing textual and visual evidence to support a main idea while determining the purpose, content, and form to suit the audience."

NAME _____ DATE _____

SUPPORTS THE IDEA	DOES NOT SUPPORT THE IDEA
Use a detail that helps prove your main idea to your audience. It might be a fact, a quote, or something shown in a photo. For a talk urging repairs to the skate park, an inspection lists three broken ramps.	A detail might be interesting but not help prove your main idea. Leave it out of this presentation. For a talk urging repairs to the skate park, the library extends its hours.

1 SORT

8 items

For each item, circle SUPPORTS or UNRELATED, then choose two items and explain how you knew where each belongs.

1.	A survey of 40 student cyclists finds that 31 want a roof over the bike rack.	SUPPORTS UNRELATED
2.	A photo shows rain falling on bikes parked outside the school.	SUPPORTS UNRELATED
3.	The drama club plans to perform a comedy next month.	SUPPORTS UNRELATED
4.	A school map shows the bike rack outdoors, with no roof nearby.	SUPPORTS UNRELATED
5.	A student poll names pizza as the favorite lunch.	SUPPORTS UNRELATED
6.	A photo shows new curtains on the auditorium stage.	SUPPORTS UNRELATED
7.	A student says, "My bike seat is soaked after a rainy school day."	SUPPORTS UNRELATED
8.	A student says rain soaked the pages of a book left in a bike basket.	SUPPORTS UNRELATED

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** _____

ITEM # _____ **HOW I KNEW** _____

3 MAKE YOUR OWN

One of each

Write one new detail that SUPPORTS the bike-rack idea and one detail that is UNRELATED.

SUPPORTS _____

UNRELATED _____

CHALLENGE

Choose one UNRELATED item from Part 1 and revise it into a detail that SUPPORTS the bike-rack idea; name the item number.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	A survey of 40 student cyclists finds that 31 want a roof over the bike rack.	**SUPPORTS**	The survey shows demand for a covered rack.
2	A photo shows rain falling on bikes parked outside the school.	**SUPPORTS**	The photo shows bikes exposed to rain.
3	The drama club plans to perform a comedy next month.	**UNRELATED**	The performance does not address the bike rack.
4	A school map shows the bike rack outdoors, with no roof nearby.	**SUPPORTS**	The map shows that the rack has no cover.
5	A student poll names pizza as the favorite lunch.	**UNRELATED**	Lunch preferences do not address the bike rack.
6	A photo shows new curtains on the auditorium stage.	**UNRELATED**	The curtains do not address the bike rack.
7	A student says, "My bike seat is soaked after a rainy school day."	**SUPPORTS**	The quote describes a problem a cover could help prevent.
8	A student says rain soaked the pages of a book left in a bike basket.	**SUPPORTS**	The account gives another example of belongings getting wet at the rack.

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)

- **SUPPORTS**: A school survey finds that 24 of 30 bike riders have had wet seats after rain.
- **UNRELATED**: The chess club meets on Thursdays.

Challenge: Item 6: A photo shows bicycles parked in the rain beside the uncovered rack.

Accept Part 2 explanations that connect supporting details to the need for a cover or explain why unrelated details do not address that need. Part 3 answers may vary if each detail clearly fits its category.