



# “The devil is in the details.”

A **detail** is a fact or piece of information about something.

Details help clarify, explain, describe, expand, and illustrate the main idea in a piece of reading or writing.

Details help us communicate our ideas.

<b>Fact</b>	The dress is <b>red</b> .
<b>Quote</b>	“Give me liberty or give me death.”
<b>Statistic</b>	Forty-one percent of the people . . .
<b>Figurative language</b>	Simile, metaphor, personification
<i>Simile</i>	The moonless night was dark as black velvet.
<i>Metaphor</i>	His room was a junk pile.
<i>personification</i>	These walls have ears.
<b>The Five W’s</b>	Who, What, When, Where, Why
<b>Information in a Visual</b>	Data, labels, trends, patterns, etc.
<b>Sensory Details</b>	See, Hear, Taste, Smell, Feel

## Details – The basics

- Find the detail in sentences, paragraphs, whole texts, and more.
- Is there a detail connected to an idea?
- Are there enough details to support an idea?
- Are any details missing?
- Figure out which details are most important.

## Ways you’ll show you can “do details”:

- Make a presentation
- Write a research paper
- Prove a point
- Create a story
- Summarize information
- Answer questions
- Create and explain a graphic organizer
- Classify information
- Judge information
- Justify something
- AND LOTS MORE!

## You have to know how to use details to do important things like:

- Compare and contrast ideas
- Support a point of view, a point, or an argument
- Oppose a point of view
- Persuade someone to see something your way
- Make a decision
- Describe a character
- Debate someone with facts
- Make inferences
- Make predictions
- Explain your thinking
- Sequence information
- Make a hypothesis
- Check an inference and the details to see if they match
- Explain why something happened
- and more!

- According to the passage, which is correct?
- What can be reasonably inferred by \_\_\_?
- Which question is/is not answered by information in the passage?
- Best
- According to . . .
- Best states
- Supported by
- Supported by the passage
- Best be described as . . .
- Most likely
- Best explanation

These are some of the words and phrases that mean **look for the details** and use them to answer the question.



Sometimes the details will be on just one page.



Sometimes the details will be spread across the pages.