

## Recipe for Finding Supporting Reasons

1. Read the text.
2. Mark the author's point.
3. Using the road map, reread each sentence and decide if the reason supports the author's point.
4. Using the sentence frame, tell how each reason supports or doesn't support the author's point.

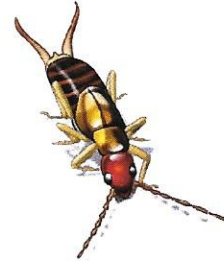
Frame: "I know this does/does not support the author's point because \_\_\_\_\_."

## Don't Feed the Animals!

<sup>1</sup>If we want to have healthy, wild animals, then we can't give animals people food. <sup>2</sup>People food can make wild animals sick. <sup>3</sup>It also teaches them to need people to live. <sup>4</sup>Animals will eat anything, even people food. <sup>5</sup>Instead of finding their own food, the animals learn to beg. <sup>6</sup>When people aren't around, the animals don't know what to do. <sup>7</sup>They forget how to live off the land around them.



## Earwigs



<sup>1</sup>Believe it or not, earwigs make very good mothers. <sup>2</sup>The mother stays with her eggs. <sup>3</sup>She cleans them and keeps them safe. <sup>4</sup>Many insects just lay their eggs and leave. <sup>5</sup>The mother earwig helps the babies hatch out of their eggs. <sup>6</sup>Once they have hatched, she helps them eat. <sup>7</sup>She also keeps them out of danger.

## Kids' Chores

Kids should be paid for doing chores around the house. If they were paid, they wouldn't have to ask their parents for money to go to the movies or buy video games. This would make kids want to do chores. Paying kids to do chores also teaches them to be responsible.

## **Lunch Break**

I think the lunch period at our school should be longer. By the time we get to the cafeteria, we have less than 20 minutes to eat. Eating too quickly is not a healthy thing. We also need some time to relax and visit with our friends.

## Bones

When you break a bone, the body sends blood to the injured bone to help it grow. A doctor puts a cast on the bone while it heals. Once the bone heals, the cast can be removed. A special saw is used to remove the cast. Removing the cast does not hurt. Although breaking a bone can be scary, it is good to know doctors can help.



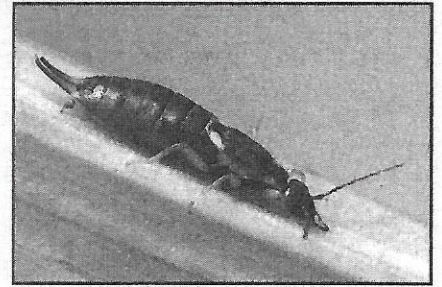


Read the first part of a passage about an interesting insect.

Genre: Science

# Earwigs *by Jane Kinzer*

Many people do not like earwigs. These small brown insects scurry up walls, and they have big pincers. But earwigs aren't as bad as you might think.



Believe it or not, earwigs make very good mothers. Many insects lay their eggs and then leave. Not earwigs! The mother stays with her eggs, cleaning them and keeping them safe. She even helps the babies to hatch out of their eggs. Once they have hatched, she helps them eat. She also keeps them out of danger.

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**Explore how to answer this question:** "How does the author support the point that earwigs make good mothers?"

A key point tells an important idea about a topic. Underline the sentence that tells the key point about earwigs being good mothers.

**Read the chart. Then fill in the blank to show the reasons the author uses to support this point.**

<b>Key Point:</b> Earwigs make good mothers.
<b>Reason:</b> The mother cleans the eggs and keeps them safe.
<b>Reason:</b> _____ _____