

Examine the paragraphs below to identify the ideas that support the main idea and fill in the blanks.

1. Thieves are always trying to make phony U.S. bills, or paper money that is not real. Sometimes thieves make really good bills and are able to use them to buy things. In one situation, some thieves created some bills that were not at all real. Surprisingly, some people were able to use these bills to buy things. One thing that was phony about the bills was that they were \$200 bills. The U.S. government makes \$100 bills and \$500 bills, but it does not make \$200 bills. Something else that was phony about the bills was the picture of the president on the front of the bills. The picture on the front of the bills was a picture of a president who had never been on a real U.S. bill. There was also a problem with the picture on the back of the bills. The picture on the back of the bills was a picture of the White House, as it should be. However, funny signs, such as “keep off the grass” were added to the picture of the White House.

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a)Major support.....
 Minor support.....

b) Major support.....
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c)Major support.....
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2. The *Titanic* was a huge passenger ship that hit an iceberg in 1912 while it was crossing the Atlantic Ocean. Some of the 2,000 passengers on board were rescued by a nearby ship, the *Carpathia*, but two-thirds of them were not rescued on time. Unfortunately, some of the actions taken at the time made the situation worse and not better. The first problem was that someone sent out a telegraph message that all of the passengers had been saved. Other ships heard this message and did not come to the area to help. Another problem was that the owner of the *Titanic* heard the telegraph message and told everyone that all the passengers had been saved. In addition to these two problems, the telegraph operator on the *Carpathia* stopped sending out messages about who needed to be rescued. The telegraph operator wanted to send out more information, but he was ordered not to. These problems meant that no more help went to the *Titanic*.

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3. There are seventeen different kinds of penguins. There is some confusion about where different kinds of penguins live. First, it is not true that penguins live at both the North and South poles. All penguins live in the Southern Hemisphere. This means that all penguins live to the south of the equator. Some people think penguins come from the Arctic in the north, but this is not true. Second, it is not true that all penguins live in Antarctica. Only two of the seventeen kinds of penguins spend some of their time in Antarctica, or they, may not spend any of their time at all in Antarctica. Finally, all penguins do not live in cold areas of the world. Many of the seventeen kinds of penguins live in cold areas, but other kinds of penguins live in warm areas. Galapagos penguins, for example, live on the Galapagos Islands, which are close to the equator.

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Please note that the number of major and minor supports may vary according to each paragraph.

Adapted from:

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