



The Moon's Surface



Writer's Tip

- The topic sentence tells what an article is mostly about.
- Supporting details give more information about the topic.

Scientists have observed the Moon for many years. Their observations show that the Moon's surface is very different from the Earth's.

One important way that the Moon's surface is unlike Earth's is that it has no water. Without water, plants and animals cannot survive. So, there are no living things on the Moon as there are on Earth.

Earth has water to wear down hills and wind to move soil. The Moon does not. Without water and wind, the moon's surface changes very little.

Scientists have never seen liquid water on the Moon. But they have discovered ice. This means that it is possible that there once was life on the Moon.



Topic Sentence/Supporting Details

▶ Reread the passage. Underline the topic sentence. Circle the supporting details. Then write them on the lines below.

Topic Sentence _____

Supporting Details

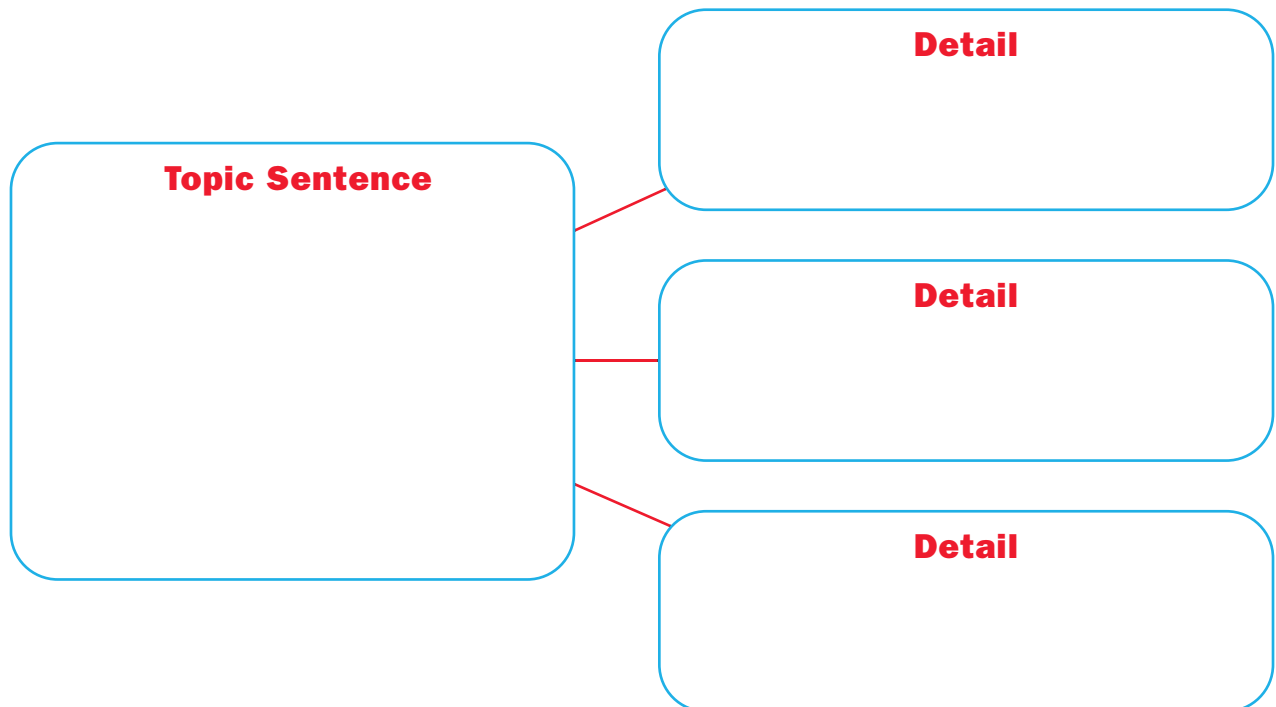
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Your Turn

▶ Think of a topic you would like to write an information report about. It might be something you have learned about in nature, at home, or in school. Fill in the chart to organize your ideas.



▶ Use your graphic organizer to write an opening for your report. Include a topic sentence and a few informational details.