

Chapter 2 Economic Resources and Systems

Section 2.1 Economic Resources

Reading Activity—Recognize Supporting Details

Directions Read the passage and complete the five steps.

Because resources are in limited supply, to have one thing may mean giving up something else. For example, a restaurant owner may forgo plans for a costly new décor to have more money to put into kitchen equipment. A city government might decide to cut expenses for most services to be able to hire more police officers. When dealing with scarcity, it is important to think of the best way to use the item that is in short supply.

1. Circle the main idea in the paragraph.
2. Underline the phrase(s) or sentence(s) containing details that support the main idea.
3. Write a brief explanation of how the details support the main idea.

4. Identify any clues in the passage that helped you recognize the supporting detail.

5. Write an additional sentence that could be used in this paragraph to support the main idea.
