

Chapter 21 Getting a Job

Section 21.1 Qualifying for a Job

Reading Activity—Recognize Supporting Details

Directions Read the passage and follow the directions below.

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1. Write one sentence that summarizes the main idea of the paragraph.

2. Write a check mark in the appropriate cell to indicate if the content of each sentence as “main idea” or “supporting detail.” Remember that it is possible for a sentence to contain both the main idea and one or more supporting details.

Sentence	Main Idea	Supporting Detail
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3. Write a brief explanation of how each of the details support the main idea.

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