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Focus Trait: Ideas

Describing Causes and Effects

Everglades Forever
Writing: Informative Writing

Weak Paragraph

Small plants called phytoplankton live in the ocean. They are important. Humans eat large fish. Small fish eat them.

Strong Paragraph

Microscopic plants called phytoplankton live on the ocean's surface. They are important to the survival of most organisms on the planet. They are the basis of the food chain. Small fish eat them; then large fish eat the small fish. Humans, in turn, eat the large fish.

Add details that explain the cause-and-effect relationship between dry weather and the migration of animals within the Everglades. Then organize your details logically and use them to write a paragraph. Remember to include transitions that will connect ideas.

1. During dry weather, water levels in parts of the Everglades fall.
- 2.
3. Large birds and alligators look for the fish and smaller animals to eat.
- 4.

Paragraph: