**RI.2.8 Describe how reasons support specific points the author makes in a text.**

**Essential Skills and Concepts:**

* **Be able to justify an author’s main points**
* **Know how to link people and their ideas**
* **Know that an author writes to share what he/she thinks**
* **Know that authors use details to help make a point**
* **Understand that authors try to explain their thinking**
* **Know that an author may have more than one reason to explain his thinking**

**Question Stems and Prompts:**

* **What does the writer think about the problem?**
* **Explain in your own words the reasons that support the author’s main purpose.**
* **Why do you think the author wrote that?**
* **What details did the author use to support his/her main purpose?**
* **Did the author justify his/her ideas?**
* **Why did the author write this piece?**

**Academic Vocabulary Spanish Cognates**

* **reasons razones**
* **justify justificar**
* **explain explicar**
* **etails detalles**
* **support**
* **main purpose**