



ELL Virtual Learning

**Grade 6,7,8/Developing
Becoming a Better Reader**

April 09, 2020



Lesson: April 9, 2020

Objective/Learning Target:

The student will read a text and identify purpose, main ideas, and supporting details.

Let's Get Started:

Watch this video about identifying writer's purpose:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F0XziDwFE-g>

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- (B) Grandmothers live far away.
- (C) Thank-you notes are important.
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