***Birdwatching***

***Everyone needs a hobby***, ***and birdwatching is by far the best hobby anyone could have***.  It offers a chance to be outdoors and breathe fresh air.  It also is relaxing.

As you can imagine, it is exciting to walk in the woods and search for birds in their forest homes.  It is thrilling to find a kind of bird that you might have only seen before in books***.  Another reason why birdwatching is great is that there is always something new to see***.  There are different kinds of birds to see at different times of the year.  The forest changes, too, as the year goes on, and so do the other animals that live there.

***If you have never been birdwatching, you should give it a try.***  You  might even want to join a birdwatching club.  In fact, that is the best way to take up the hobby.  Look for one in the phone book or in the local newspaper.  Join now.  You'll be glad you did.

How do the sentences below connect to the rest of the paragraph and or text as a whole? Is it the author’s opinion? Is it a reason? Does the sentence provide evidence or an example for an idea?

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