

# Topic, Main Idea, & Details

**TOPIC**

What is the whole text about in a short word or phrase?

Look for words or phrases that are repeated.

**MAIN IDEA**

What is the whole text about?

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Topic, Main Idea, & Details Assessment**

Martin Luther King Jr. played an important role in the civil rights movement. He led the 1955 Montgomery Bus Boycott and founded the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. He also organized the 1963 March on Washington, where he gave his "I Have a Dream" speech. In 1964, King received the Nobel Peace Prize for his leadership in the Civil Rights Movement. On April 4, 1968, Dr. King was assassinated in Memphis across the country. Due to King's movement, his legacy lives on today.

Topic: \_\_\_\_\_

Main Idea: \_\_\_\_\_

Details: \_\_\_\_\_

**Implicit Main Idea**

The author gives you clues about the main idea, but doesn't tell you directly.

**HOW TO FIND IT**

Think about what all the details are telling you.

What big idea do they point to?

You might have to read between the lines.

Gathering around the campfire, everyone watches eagerly as the marshmallows come out. Sticks are chosen, and marshmallows are carefully skewered, ready for roasting. Held just above the glowing embers, they turn golden brown, some even catching a flame and turning crispy on the outside. Sandwiched between graham crackers and a piece of chocolate, the marshmallows are a gooey delight. Laughter and sticky fingers are under the starry night sky.

**TOPIC**

**MAIN IDEA**

**DETAIL**

**DETAIL**

**DETAIL**

**Explicit Main Idea**

The author tells us the main idea directly in the paragraph.

**HOW TO FIND IT**

Look for a sentence that tells you directly what the paragraph is about. This sentence often is at the beginning or the end of the paragraph.

**EXAMPLE**

Dogs make great pets because they are loyal, friendly, and can be trained to do tricks. Whether it's a small dog or a big dog, they can bring a lot of joy to your home.

**TOPIC** \_\_\_\_\_ **MAIN IDEA** \_\_\_\_\_

**DETAIL** \_\_\_\_\_ **DETAIL** \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Long before computers and smartphones, there was a brilliant woman whose mind could solve complex math problems faster than any machine of her time. Her name was Katherine Johnson. She worked for a space agency, calculating the paths rockets would take to explore outer space. Her calculations were so precise that they helped astronauts safely orbit the Earth and return home. Thanks to her, we reached new frontiers in space exploration, proving that with hard work and intelligence, the sky is not the limit.

**TOPIC** \_\_\_\_\_

**MAIN IDEA** \_\_\_\_\_

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# TOPIC

What is the whole text about in a short word or phrase?



Look for words or phrases that are repeated.

## MAIN IDEA

What is the whole text about?

The main idea should be a sentence.

DETAIL

DETAIL

DETAIL

## DETAILS:

What reasons or evidence does the author give to support the point?

# Explicit Main Idea



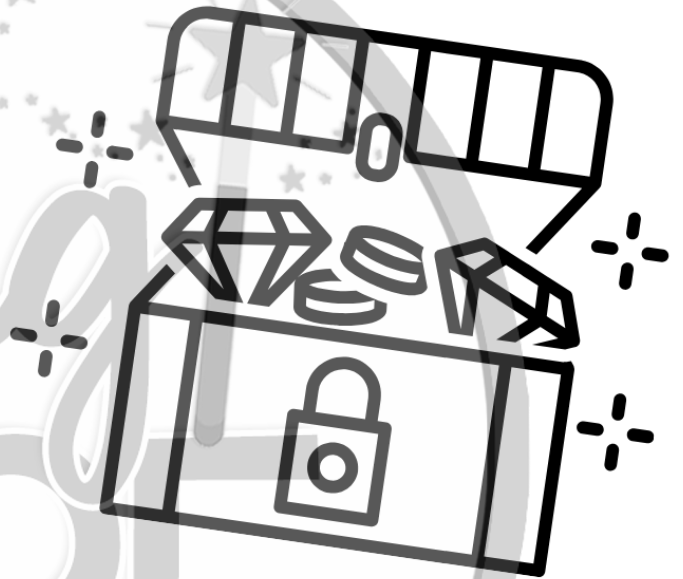
# Explicit Main Idea

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## HOW TO FIND IT

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## EXAMPLE

It's like finding treasure out in the open!

Dogs make great pets because they are loyal, friendly, and can be trained to do tricks. Whether it's a small dog or a big dog, they can bring a lot of joy to your home.



MAIN IDEA

DETAIL



DETAIL



DETAIL



Name : \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you looking for a family dog? Adopting a dog from a shelter could be perfect for your family! First and foremost, if you adopt a dog from a shelter, you are saving a life. Thousands of dogs are put into shelters every year and there is limited space for them. In addition, adopting a dog from a shelter will save you money. Adopting a dog from a shelter is much less expensive than buying one at a pet store. Lastly, if you adopt from a shelter, your dog will already have all of the vaccinations and shots that it needs to be healthy.



**MAIN IDEA**



**DETAIL**



**DETAIL**



**DETAIL**

Name : \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Making a simple bird feeder is a fun way to help our feathered friends and watch birds up close. To make a bird feeder, you only need a few things: a toilet paper roll, peanut butter, birdseed, and a string. First, spread peanut butter all over the outside of the toilet paper roll. This is sticky and fun, but make sure to cover it well! Next, roll the peanut butter-covered tube in birdseed. The seeds will stick to the peanut butter, covering the roll. Then, thread a string through the hole and tie it into a loop. Now, find a tree branch in your yard or a park, and hang your bird feeder on it. Wait quietly and watch as birds come to enjoy the tasty treat you've made for them. Making a bird feeder is not only easy but also helps you learn about the different kinds of birds that visit your garden.





# Implicit Main Idea





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## HOW TO FIND IT

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Finding the implicit main idea is like going on a treasure hunt. You need to look for clues.

## EXAMPLE

In the garden, bees buzz from flower to flower, collecting nectar.  
The leaves rustle gently in the breeze, while a butterfly flutters by.  
Under the sun, everything seems to be moving and alive, creating a symphony of nature's sounds.

**TOPIC**



**MAIN IDEA**

**DETAIL**



**DETAIL**



**DETAIL**



Name : \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

A butterfly starts as a tiny egg. After that, a larva hatches from the egg. This larva is called a caterpillar. Caterpillars eat a lot of food and grow very quickly. Next, a caterpillar finds a place to attach itself and begins to grow a chrysalis. The caterpillar now becomes a pupa. During this stage wings begin to grow. Last, the adult butterfly breaks out of the chrysalis. This cycle will begin again when the butterfly lays eggs.



**MAIN IDEA**



**DETAIL**



**DETAIL**



**DETAIL**

Name : \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Deep in the heart of the forest, among towering trees and lush greenery, a family of deer roams freely. They find shelter in the thick underbrush, where the leaves provide cover from predators and the soft ground offers a comfortable resting spot. Nearby, a stream trickles gently, providing fresh water for the deer to drink. In this peaceful habitat, the deer live in harmony with their surroundings, each one playing a vital role in the delicate balance of the forest ecosystem.



**MAIN IDEA**



**DETAIL**



**DETAIL**



**DETAIL**



The background of the image is a vibrant blue, filled with numerous light blue raindrops of varying sizes, creating a sense of a steady rain. At the top, there are stylized, light blue clouds with soft, rounded edges. The word "quiz" is prominently displayed in the center, rendered in a playful, rounded font. Each letter is a different color: 'q' is purple, 'u' is orange, 'i' is cyan, and 'z' is red. The letters have a thick white outline, making them stand out against the busy background.

quiz

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