

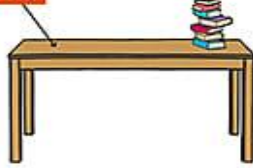
Main Idea and Details

Main Idea

The main idea is the most important point of a text.

Good readers determine the main idea by looking for details in the text.

Main Idea



Supporting Details

These details describe or explain the main idea of the text.

These details are important to the text and support the main idea.



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Main Idea and Details

Main Idea: What the story is mostly about.

Details: These are ideas and thoughts that support the main idea.

Things to look for:
Look at the title.
Look at the pictures.
Look for clue words.



How can you find the main idea?

Before Reading: Look at the title and text features. Is it fiction or nonfiction? What will the story be about?

During Reading: Look for repeated words, phrases, themes, or ideas.

After Reading: What is the most important idea or thought?



what's the
MAIN IDEA?

The **MAIN IDEA**
is what the text is
mostly about.

LOOK at the title
and pictures.

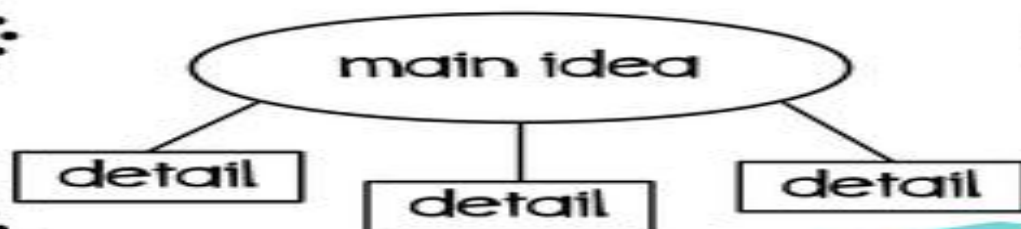
CLUE WORDS
are words used over
and over.



Main Idea & Supporting Details

main idea:
what the paragraph, section,
or selection is mostly about

supporting details:
give information about the main idea





How to Find **MAIN IDEA**

Before you read:

- Read the title.
- What is the text about?
- What is the topic?

During the reading:

- Look for and carefully read text features.
- Is the text fiction, non-fiction...
- Look for information, words, and pictures that are repeated

After you read:

- Think about the most important point about the topic.
- What details or examples back up and support the main idea?

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MAIN IDEA

tells what the text is mostly about.

CLUES

1.

Think about what the text is about.

2.

Look at the title.

3.

Look at the pictures.

4.

Check the 1st sentence and the last sentence.

5.

Look for key words and words that are repeated.

Main Idea and Details

What is a main idea?
A main idea is what the text is mostly about.

What are details?
Details are sentences that tell more about, describe or explain the main idea.

How can I find the main idea?

1. Ask yourself, "What is this mostly about?"
2. Look at the title of the text.
3. Look at the pictures.
4. Look for words repeated over and over.
5. Sometimes the main idea is either the first or last sentence in the text.
6. Don't get distracted by interesting information that doesn't support the main idea.

Main Idea

Bats are unusual animals.

Detail 1

Bats are flying mammals.

Detail 2

Bats use echo location to find food.

Detail 3

Bats hang upside down when they sleep.



HOW TO FIND MAIN IDEA

BEFORE YOU READ:

- Read the title.
- What is the text about?
- What is the topic?

DURING THE READING:

- Look for and carefully read text features.
- Is the text fiction, non-fiction...
- Look for information, words, and pictures that are repeated.

AFTER YOU READ:

- Think about the most important point about the topic.
- What details or examples back up and support the main idea?

Name:

Main Idea and Details

Main Idea:



Detail:

Detail:

Detail:

Summary:

Main Idea and Key Details

Name: _____

Main Idea:		
Detail:	Detail:	Detail:

Title: _____

Name: _____

Main Idea	
Key Detail #1	Summary
Key Detail #2	
Key Detail #3	

Name _____

Date _____

Main Idea and Details

Book Title: _____

Main Idea:

Detail 1

Detail 2

Detail 3



What's the STORY about?

Title: _____

Main Idea:

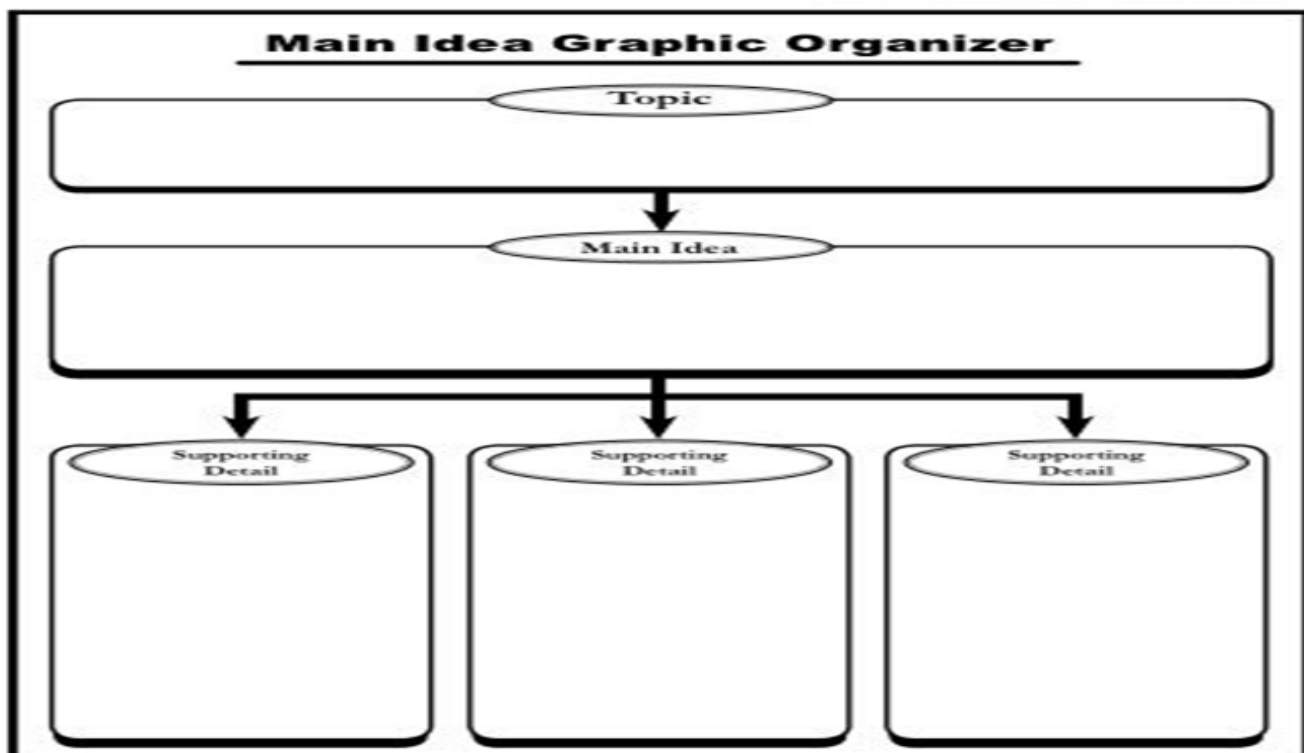
I know this because...

Detail 1:

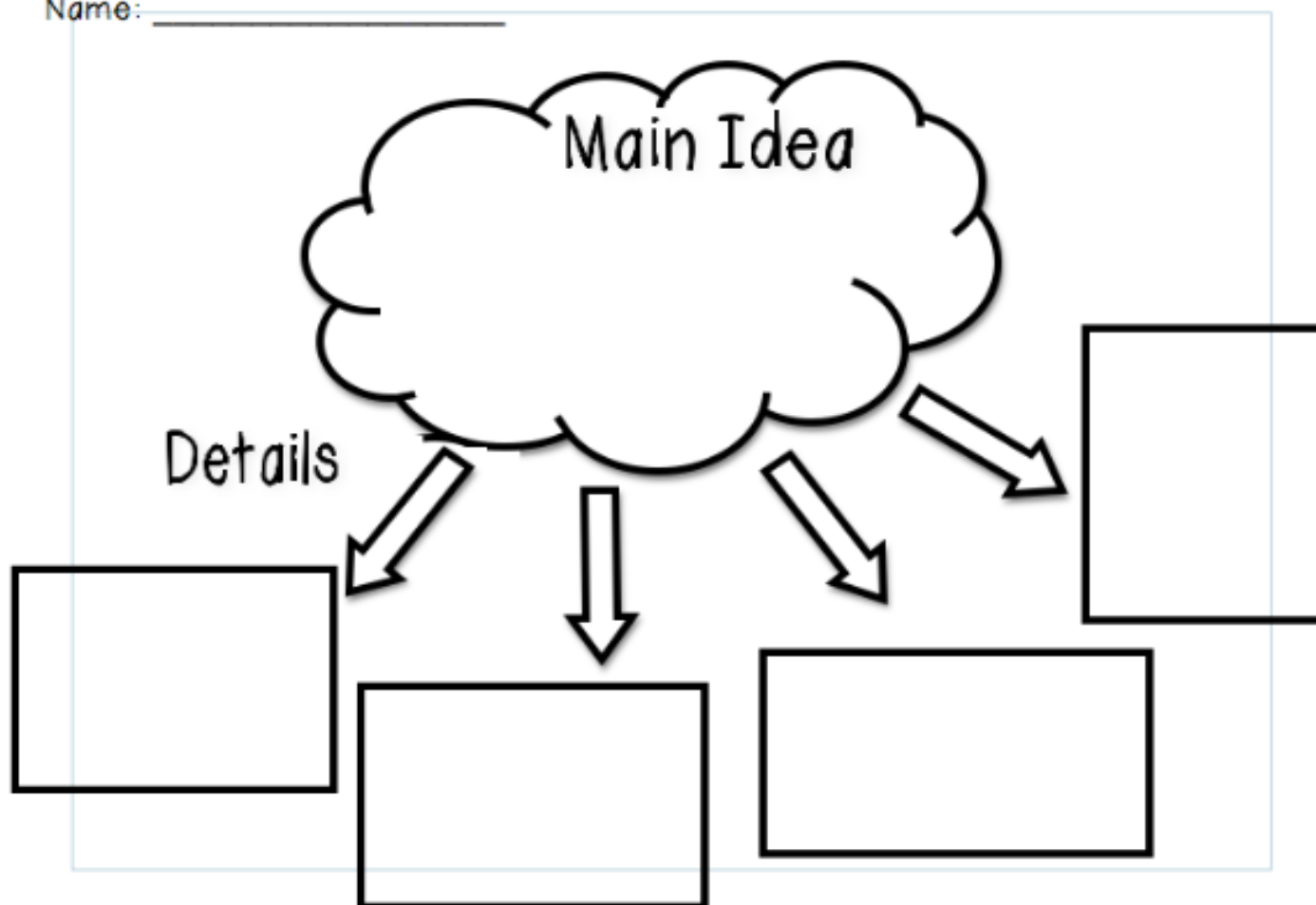
Detail 2:

Detail 3:

Name: _____



Name: _____



Key Details

Story Title: _____

1.	2.	3.
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Name: _____ Date: _____

Main Idea: the most important thought about the topic of a paragraph. The main idea tells the reader what the text is about.



The main idea of this story is:

Details: facts, statements, and examples that help us understand the main idea. Details help explain and describe the main idea.

Three important details from this story are:



1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

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Main Idea & Details

#2

#1

#3

Main Idea

Name:

Topic/
Text:

WHAT AM I READING FOR?

