

# Main Idea and Details

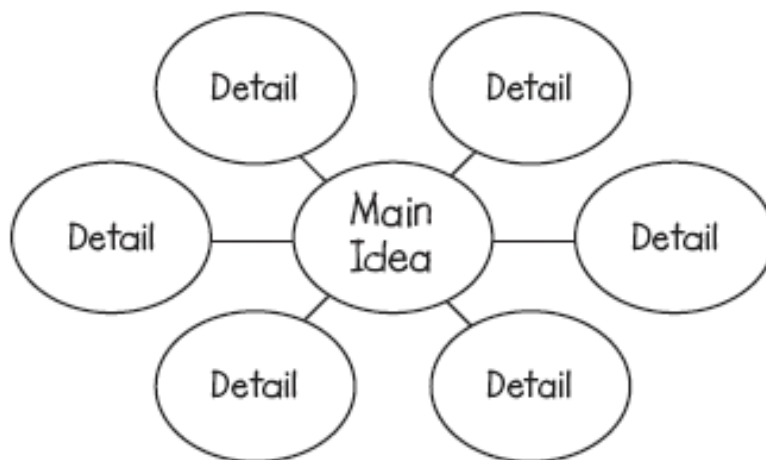
The main idea is usually mentioned in one sentence in a story. The other sentences are the details that support the main idea. Once you have decided what the main idea is, you must be able to find details in the text to support your thinking.

While you are reading:

- Stop to check for understanding. Ask yourself, “What is this story mostly about?”
- What is the most important idea? How do you know?

[Click here](#) to watch a Brainpop Jr. video about main idea.

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# What's the STORY about?

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Main idea:

I know this because...

Detail 1:

Detail 2:

Detail 3: