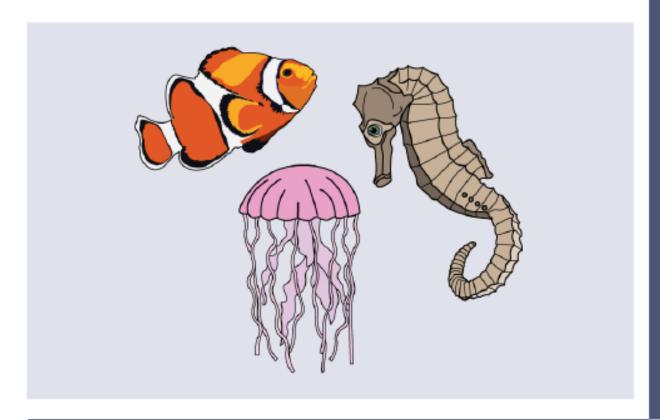




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Dimension A



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Clownfish

The anemonefish is well known as the clownfish. It is bright orange and has three white stripes. It lives on the bottom of shallow seas. The anemonefish (uh-NEM-uh-NEE) is about 4 inches long and lives about 10 years. The male anemonefish is the parent that takes care of the eggs. Did you see this fish

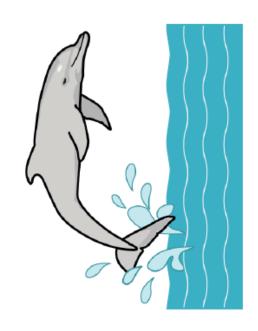
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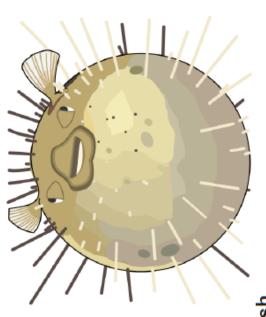
Story 2



Bottlenose Dolphin

The Bottlenose dolphins can send messages to each other. They do this through squeaks and whistles and different types of body language. This tells of danger or nearby food.

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Pufferfish

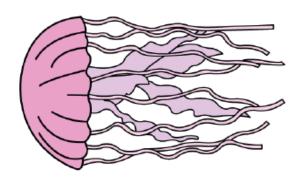
The pufferfish can inflate into a ball shape. It does this to get away from enemies. The pufferfish is also stomach. The pufferfish will fill its stomach with a lot of water to make itself very big. This is to scare off called the blowfish. They have an elastic other fish.

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Story 4



Jellyfish

animals so the jellyfish can eat them. All jellyfish They live in cold and warm ocean water. Jellyfish use their tentacles to sting. This will stun different The Jellyfish have been around for millions of years. can sting. Jellyfish that are dead can still sting!

Source: http://kids.nationalgeographic.com/kids/animals/creaturefeature/jellyfish/

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Bull Sharks

What is the most dangerous shark in the world? are aggressive sharks. The bull shark will hunt in water where people usually like to swim. This could The bull shark is the most dangerous shark! They be along shorelines.

will eat almost anything. Sometimes the bull shark will eat a dolphin or a sea turtle. They will even eat The bull shark eats mostly fish, although they other sharks!

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Story 6

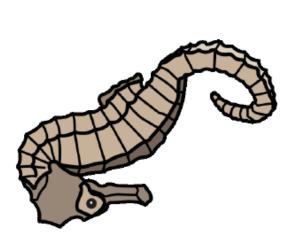


Octopus

The octopus is known as the "monster of the Then it uses the suction cups on its arms to get the octopus may attack its prey by dropping from above. lobster. Sometimes it even attack sharks. The deep." Its favorite foods are shrimp, crab and animal in its mouth. When a whale tries to attack an octopus, the confuse the whale. The octopus can also change octopus will send inky fluid into the water. This will colors to match its surroundings.

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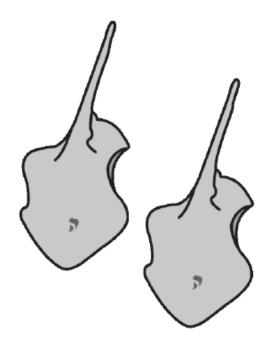


The seahorse is a tiny fish. It is called a seahorse because the head looks like a horse's head. The plants. You can find at least 25 different seahorse seahorse swims upright in seaweed and other species.

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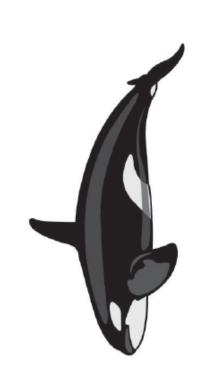
Story 8



Stingrays

The stingray is a fish. It has a wide and flat body. defense against sharks. Some even have venom in The stingray likes to eat shrimp and crab. Stingray crush their food to eat it. They use their tail for their tail.

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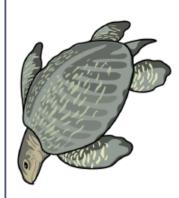
Orca

together. Orcas like to eat anything! They will eat The orca is known as the killer whale. They live within a pod or a family. The orcas even hunt their food seals, walruses, sharks and other animals. They eat about 500 pounds of food a day.

Source: http://kids.nationalgeographic.com/kids/animals/creaturefeature/orca/



Story 10



Loggerhead Sea Turtle

The loggerhead has very strong jaws. They use animals they eat, like crabs. Loggerheads will also their strong jaws to crush the shells of the different eat other things like jellyfish, fish and seaweed.

cold seas. In the waters of the United States, there You can find loggerheads in different oceans all over the world, although they do not like the very are more loggerhead sea turtles than any other species of sea turtle.

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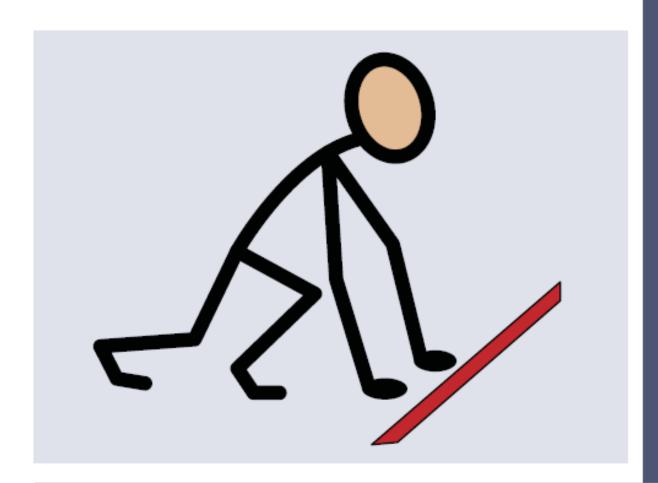
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Dimension A Lesson 2: Introduction



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Introduction



Hello, my name is Josie. I go to Elementary School.

Jake and I will help you to learn about main idea.

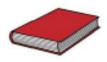
Hey, my name is Jake.

Let's get started!





When you see this picture, you will find an important definition!



This picture tells you to grab your chapter book!



You will see this picture when you are about to see an example!

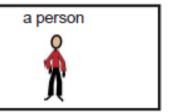


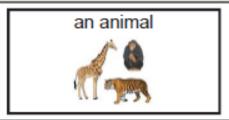
The main idea is the most important message in a story.



1. What is the main idea?









Student response mode:

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look

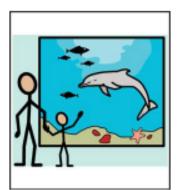
other



Example: Main Idea



Jake and Josie went to the Aquarium. They saw lots of fish and even some alligators. The trip was fun! Jake liked the sharks. Josie liked the colorful fish.



Main Idea: Jake and Josie went to the Aquarium.





Key Details help you better understand the main idea of the story.

2. What is a key detail?

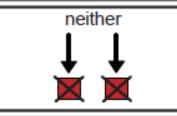


helps you understand the



important message





Student response mode:

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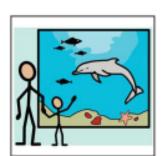
other



Example: Key Detail



Jake and Josie went to the Aquarium. They saw lots of fish and even some alligators. The trip was fun! Jake liked the sharks. Josie liked the colorful fish.



Key Detail: Jake liked the sharks.

Can you find another key detail?





A summary is a description of the story in your own words.

3. What is a summary?



helps you understand the story



tells the story in your words



bad news



Student response mode:

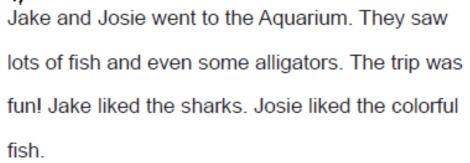
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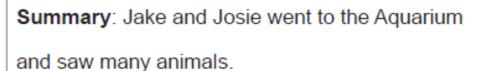
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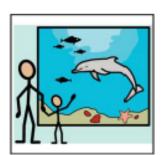


Example: Summary



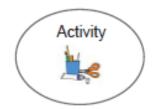








Activity Page











Graphic Organizer



Paragraph



Pencil





Procedure

- Read the paragraph.
- Use the graphic organizer to find the main idea by answering the questions.









Note: Sometimes you cannot answer all the questions with the information given.



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The starfish is now called the sea star. This was changed because the sea star is not a fish. It is an echinoderm. It is related to the sand dollar.









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Dimension A Lesson 3: Main Idea



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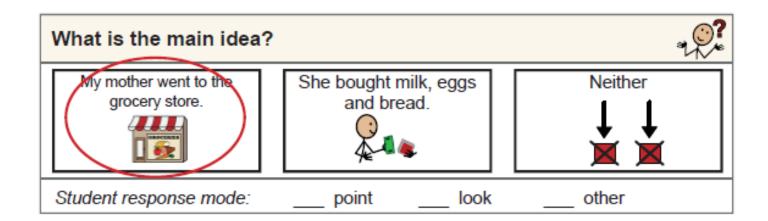


Example: Main Idea

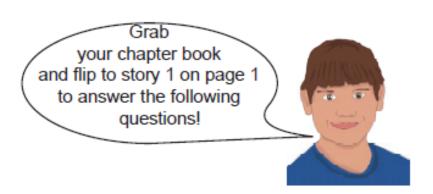
Grocery Shopping

My mother went to the grocery store. She bought milk, eggs and bread. She also stopped by the frozen foods and bought me a frozen pizza.







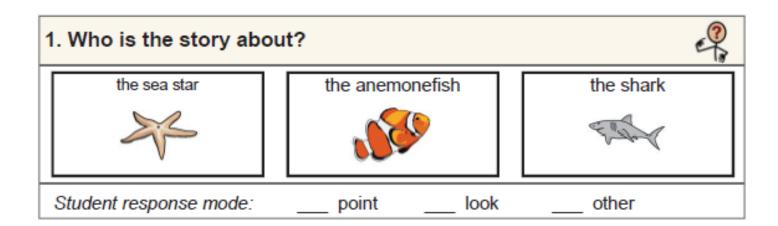


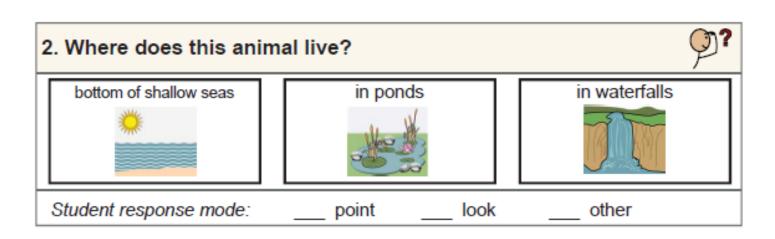


Chapter Book: Story 1



The main idea is:
The anemonefish is well known as the clownfish.

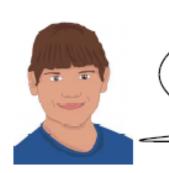






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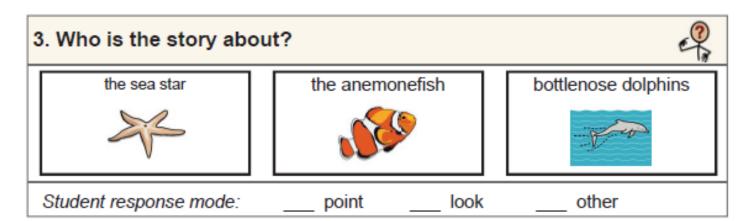


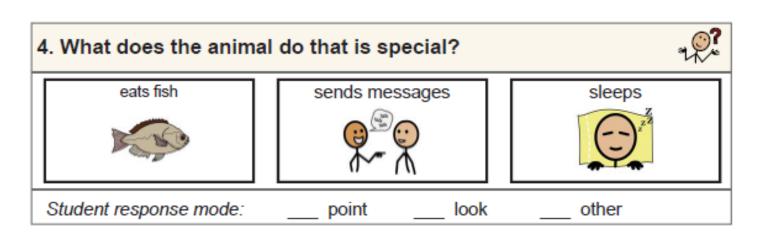


main idea is:
The bottlenose dolphins can send messages to each other.

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Story 2: Bottlenose Dolphin



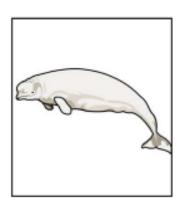




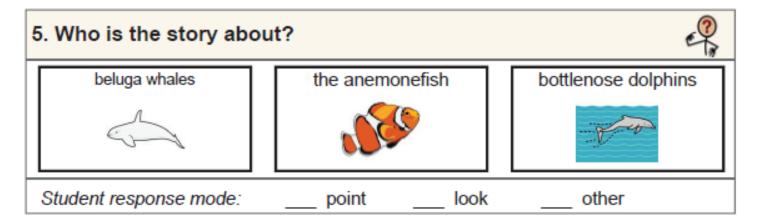
Example: Main Idea

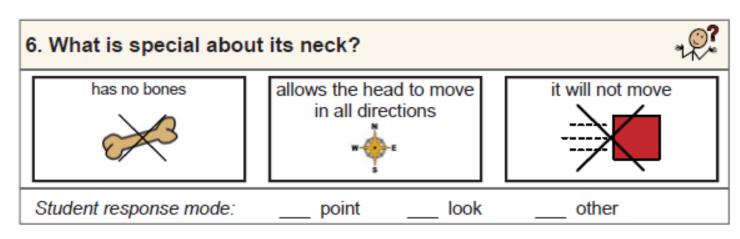


The beluga is a species of the whale. It is one of the smallest whale species. Its neck allows the whale to move its head in all directions. They like to eat fish and worms.



Main Idea: The beluga is a species of the whale.









Activity Page



Aquarium







paint (orange, blue and white)



paper plates



paint brush



black marker





Procedure

- Paint the paper plate blue and let dry.
- Paint student's hand orange and place handprint in the center of the plate. Let dry.
- Paint 3 white stripes on the handprint. Let dry.
- Using the marker, draw a face on the "palm" end of the fish.





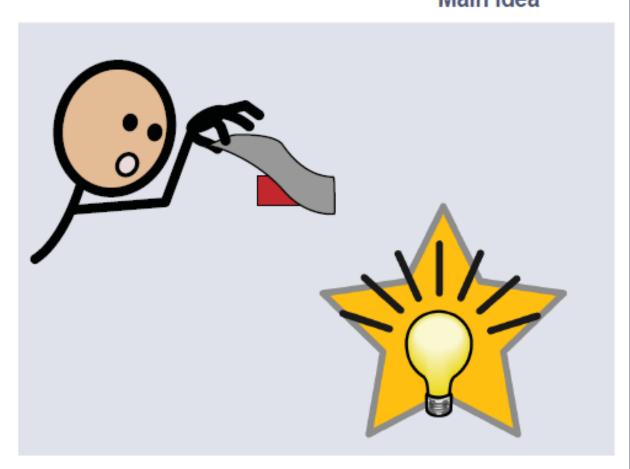






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Dimension A Lesson 4: Identifying the Main Idea



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Example: Knoxville Zoo

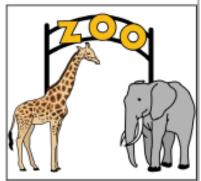
The Knoxville Zoo has 53 acres of animal exhibits.

The animals are from places all over the world like

Australia, Africa, Asia and other places. The Knoxville

Zoo offers great family fun for everyone. Visitors can

get close to over 800 facinating wild animals.





What is the most important message in this story?

What is the main idea?



The Knoxville Zoo has 53-acres of animal exhibits



The animals are from all over the world.



The Knoxville Zoo offers great fun for everyone.



Student response mode:

_ point

_ look

other

right! The most important message is: The Knoxville Zoo has 53 acres of animal exhibits.





Chapter Book: Pufferfish





What is the most important message about the pufferfish?

1. What is the main idea?



It does this to get away from enemies.



The pufferfish can inflate into a ball shape.



They have an elastic stomach.



Student response mode:

point

look

other

2. Who is this story about?



dolphins



whales



pufferfish



Student response mode:

point

look

other

3. What does the animal do that is special?



blows its stomach up with water



sends messages



sleeps



Student response mode:

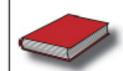


look

other



Chapter Book: Jellyfish



Story 4 Page 4



Let's do it again! We are still looking for the most important message in the story.

4. What is the main idea?



The jellyfish have been around for millions of years.



They live in cold and warm ocean water.



Jellyfish that are dead can still sting!



Student response mode:

point

look

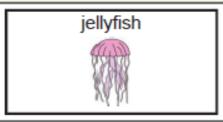
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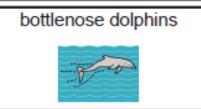
5. Who is the story about?



beluga whales







Student response mode:



look

other

6. Where do jellyfish live?







cold or warm ocean water



Student response mode:

point

_ look

other

7. What does the animal do that is special?



blows its stomach up with water



sends messages with its tentacles



all jellyfish can sting



Student response mode:

___ point

__ look

_ other



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Dimension A Lesson 5: Two Main Ideas



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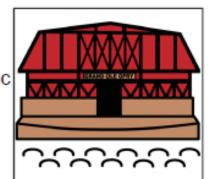


Sometimes the information has 2 main ideas! Let's practice finding both of them!



Example: Tennessee Music

The Grand Ole Opry is a weekly country music stage concert. It honors country music and its history. You can listen to a big mix of music.



The Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum preserves country music traditions. The Hall of Fame also displays country music history. It is an educational institution. It offers programs for everyone that loves music.



Circle both main ideas.



You can listen to a big mix of music.



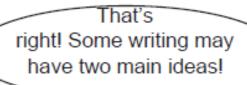
The Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum preserves country music traditions.

Student response mode:

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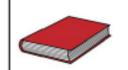
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Chapter Book: Bull Sharks



Story 5

Page 5

1. Circle both main ideas.



What is the most dangerous shark in the world?



The bull shark is the most dangerous shark!



The bull shark eats mostly fish.



Student response mode:

point

look

other

2. Who is this story about?



dolphins



bull shark



pufferfish



Student response mode:

point

look

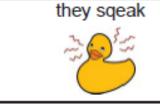
other

3. What is another detail about the bull shark?



they eat almost anything





they sleep at night

Student response mode: point look other



Chapter Book: Octopus





it again! Remeber, there are two main ideas.

4. Circle both main ideas.



The octopus is known as the "monster of the deep."



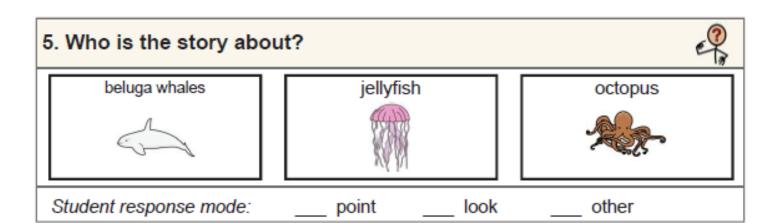
When a whale tries to attack an octopus, the octopus will send inky fluid into the water.

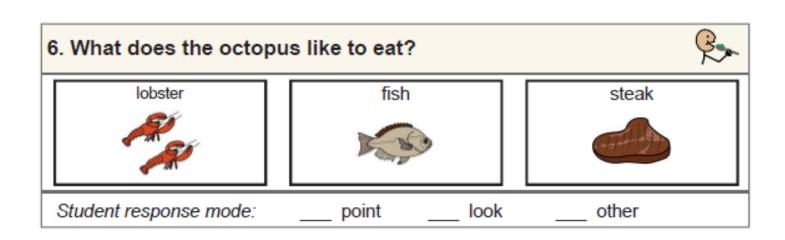


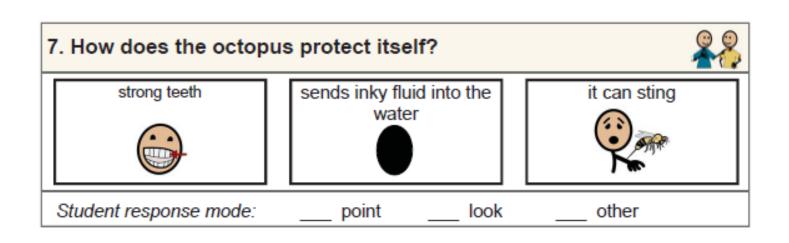
This will confuse the whale.



Student response mode: ___ point ___ look ___ other



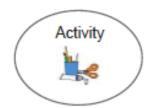








Activity Page











8 precut strips of felt

toilet paper roll



small pom-poms















Procedure

 Cut toilet paper roll in half. Paint the roll. Let dry.





Glue the felt strips to the painted roll.





Glue 3 pom-poms to the inside of each felt "tentacle".





Draw a face on your octopus!

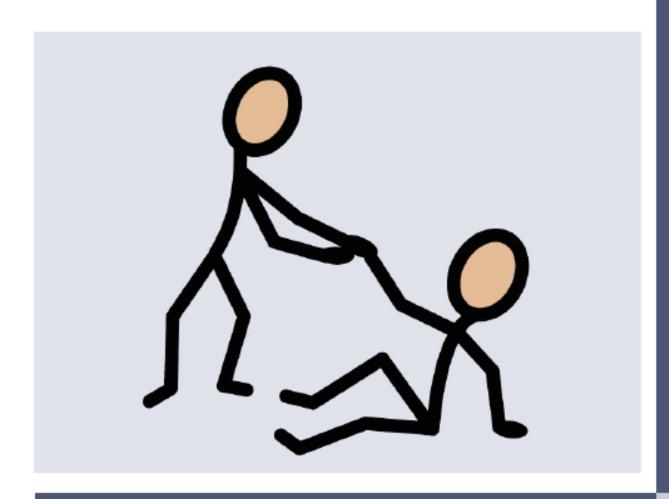






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Dimension A Lesson 6: Key Details



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Question 1

A seahorse is a tiny fish.



The seahorse swims upright in seaweed and other plants.



The stingray is a fish.



Question 2

The stingray is a fish.



It has a wide and flat body.



The stingray likes to eat shrimp and crab.





Next we will look at key details. These help you understand the main idea.



Example: Key Details

Ruby Falls is a natural underground waterfall. It is located in Chattanooga, Tennessee. Ruby Falls is a very popular attraction. It is 145 feet tall. Ruby Falls is the most toured underground waterfall.



Which key detail most helps the main idea?



Main Idea



Ruby Falls is a natural underground waterfall.



Key Detail



It is located in Chattanooga.



Ruby Falls is a very popular attraction.



Key Detail



Student response mode:

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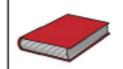
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Remember, key details help the main idea. Here's a clue. The key detail cannot be the main idea.





Chapter Book: Seahorse



Story 7 Page 7

1. Determine two details to support the main idea.



Main Idea



A seahorse is a tiny fish.



Key Detail



They are called seahorse because the head looks like a horses head.



Key Detail



Student response mode:

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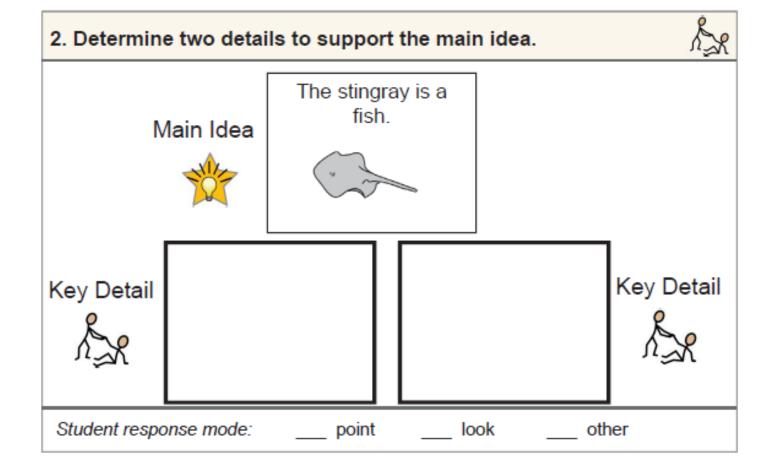


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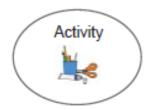


do it again! This time find two things to help the main idea.





Activity Page



Main Idea







construction paper



clothes hanger



string







glue



index cards





Procedure

- Fold a piece of construction paper in half widthwise
- 2. Write a "main idea" about yourself. Example: Billy loves to play sports.
- 3. Glue the inside bend in the construction paper and lay it over the bottom of the hanger.
- Glue the bottom of the construction paper closed



















Activity Page



Main Idea





Procedure (cont.)

Write a key detail about yourself on an index card. Complete at least 2 different cards. Example: He is good at baseball.





6. Glue a picture on a different index card to show the detail. Example: Use a picture of a baseball





7. Glue the string to the top of each index card.





8. Glue the opposite end of the string to the bottom of the piece of construction paper.









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Dimension A Lesson 7: Review



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Question 5

The orca is known as the killer whale.



They hunt their food together.



Orcas like to eat anything!



Question 9

The loggerhead has very strong jaws.



They use their strong jaws to crush the shells of food.



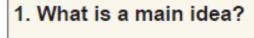
They are in waters all over the world.



Loggerheads will also eat jellyfish and seaweed.



Review





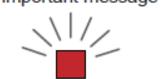
a person



an animal



an important message



Student response mode:





other

2. What is a key detail?



helps you understand the story



important message



neither

Student response mode:

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3. What is a summary?



helps you understand the story



tells the story in your words



bad news



Student response mode:

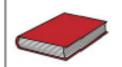
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Chapter Book: Orca



Story 9 Page 9

4. What is the main idea?



The orca is known as the killer whale.



They live within a pod or a family.



The orca even hunt their food together.



Student response mode:

point

look

other

5. Determine two details to support the main idea.



Main Idea



The orca is known as the killer whale.



Key Detail



Key Detail



Student response mode:

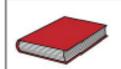
point

look

other



Chapter Book: Loggerhead Sea Turtle



Story 10 Page 10

Circle both the main ideas.



The loggerhead has very strong jaws.



They use their strong jaws to crush shells.



You can find loggerheads in different oceans all over the world.



Student response mode:

point

look

other

7. Who is this story about?



dolphins



whales



loggerhead sea turtle



Student response mode:

point

look

other

8. Where does the animal live?



lakes



oceans all over the world



ponds

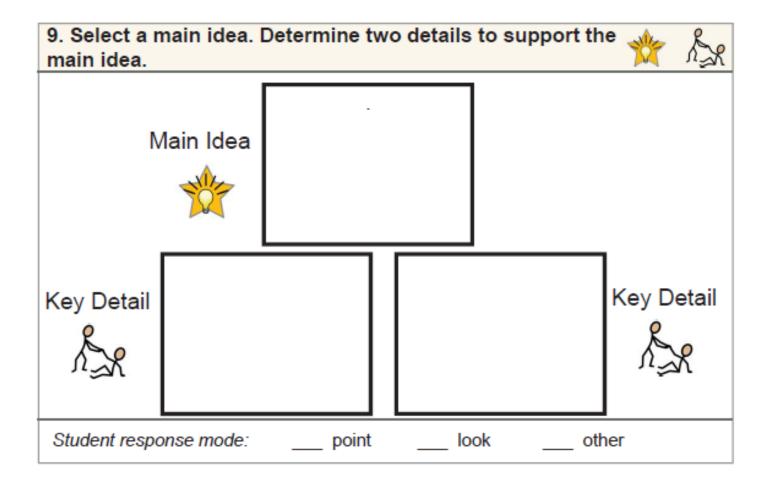


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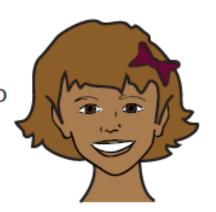
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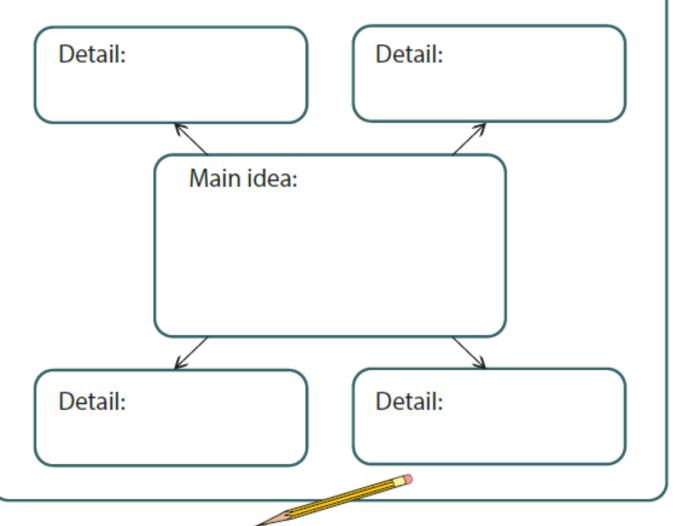


What's in a Story?

Read the story, then write the main idea in the middle box. Write one detail in each of the other boxes.

It's the first day of school! Ellie is very excited. She takes her new backpack and lunchbox to school. She is happy to see her friends in the classroom. The students like their teacher. Everyone has a good first day of school.







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Finding the Main Idea

The Storm

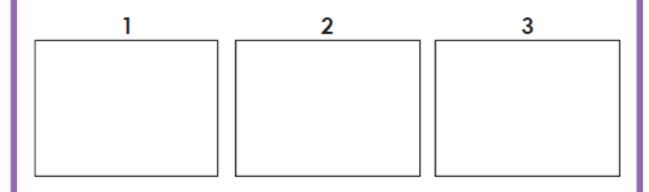
The rain began early in the morning. It fell as hard drops, one after another. The sky was full of dark purple clouds. Thunder began as a soft rumble and became louder and louder. Lightning crashed every few minutes, making the sky a brilliant white.



What is the main idea? Circle the correct answer.

- A. The farms needed the rain.
- B. The thunder hurt the people's ears.
- C. Lightning made the sky bright.
- D. The storm was very strong.

Write three details in the story in the boxes.



Finding the Main Idea

Saturday at the Carnival

James and his sister, Anna. went to the carnival on Saturday. They rode the merrygo-round, the roller coaster and the Ferris wheel, James ate popcorn and a hot dog. Anna drank lemonade and



ate an apple. They saw many exciting shows. They were tired when they went home.































What is the main idea? Circle the correct answer.

- A. James and Anna were hungry.
- B. James and Anna did many things at the carnival.
- C. The merry-go-round was broken.
- D. The carnival was on Saturday.

Write three details in the story in the boxes.

