

Main Idea in Stories

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Understanding the Heart of a Story

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Answer the questions below about the main idea and details in stories.

1. The main idea is the ___ message of the story.

2. Details in a story are always the most important part.

True False

3. What does the main idea tell us?

- A. What happens at the end
- B. What the story is mostly about
- C. How many characters there are

4. Match the main idea with its detail.

The dog barks loudly

A dog lives in the house

The cat climbs the tree

A cat likes to climb

5. Why is it important to listen to your parents' teachings?

6. What is the main idea of a story? Circle the correct answer.

The most important message

The fun details

The names of characters

7. Listening carefully helps us understand the main ___ of the story.

8. Main ideas are less important than details.

True False

9. Which of these is a detail?

- A. The story is about a brave knight
- B. The knight has a shiny sword
- C. The knight saves a princess

10. Draw a line from the story to its main idea.

A girl finds a treasure

Helping friends is important

A boy helps a friend

Finding treasure is exciting

Answer Key

1. most important 2. False 3. What the story is mostly about 4. 0 5. Because they help us learn important things. 6. The most important message 7. message 8. False 9. The knight has a shiny sword 10. 1