

Understanding Topic and Main Idea

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Review Questions

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Answer the following questions based on what you learned about topics and main ideas.

1. What is a topic?
 - A. A word or short phrase
 - B. A complete sentence
 - C. An opinion
2. What does a main idea do?
 - A. Labels a subject
 - B. Explains something about the topic
 - C. Is a question
3. A main idea is a complete ____ that tells what the text is mostly about.
4. Why is it important to understand the main idea of what we read?

5. Match the topic with the correct main idea.

Dogs

Trees provide oxygen and shade.

Trees

Dogs are loyal pets.

6. Which of the following is an example of a main idea?
 - A. Cats
 - B. Cats are popular pets that come in many breeds.
 - C. Pets
7. The tongue of the wise utters knowledge rightly, according to Proverbs __:2.
8. What is the difference between a topic and a main idea?

9. How can understanding the main idea help you?
 - A. It helps us label things.
 - B. It allows us to remember the most important information.
 - C. It makes reading harder.
10. A main idea gives us the most important ____ about the topic.

Answer Key

1. A word or short phrase 2. Explains something about the topic 3. sentence 4. It helps us grasp the main point and remember the information better. 5. Dogs are loyal pets. 6. Cats are popular pets that come in many breeds. 7. 15 8. A topic is a word or phrase, while a main idea is a complete sentence explaining the topic. 9. It allows us to remember the most important information. 10. information