

Main Idea and Supporting Details Review

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

1. What is a main idea in a nonfiction passage?

2. What do supporting details do for the main idea?

- A. They provide proof or explanation
- B. They confuse the reader
- C. They are the same as the main idea

3. Supporting details are less important than the main idea.

- True False

4. The main idea is the big ____ that an author wants to communicate.

5. Why is it important to find the main idea of a text?

6. How can good readers identify main ideas?

- A. By summarizing the whole text
- B. By separating important and less important details
- C. By reading only the first sentence

7. Supporting details are always interesting but not important.

- True False

8. Supporting details help to explain or prove the main ____.

9. Can you think of a time when you learned the main idea of something? Describe it briefly.

10. What is an example of a supporting detail?

- A. The title of the book
- B. A fact about the topic
- C. The author's name

Answer Key

1. A main idea is the most important point the author wants to communicate. 2. They provide proof or explanation 3. True 4. message 5. Finding the main idea helps us understand the main point and gain knowledge from the text. 6. By separating important and less important details 7. False 8. idea 9. I learned the main idea of a book when I read the summary at the back. It helped me understand what the story was about. 10. A fact about the topic