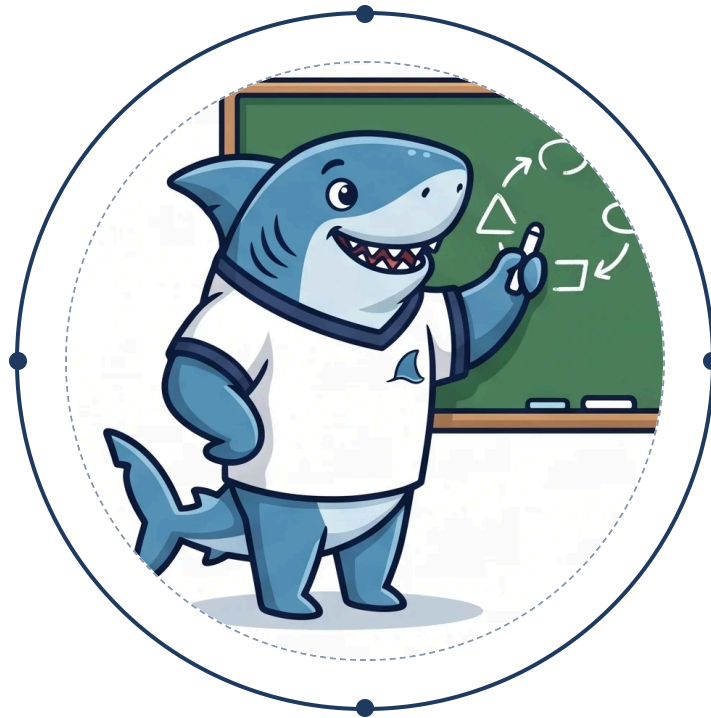


★ ACTIVITY WORKBOOK ★



Find the Main Idea: Five Days of Grade 3 Reading

Five short passages. Find the main idea and its supporting details. Answer key provided separately.

6 Activities

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Start Here: What Is the Main Idea?

Find the Main Idea: Five Days of Grade 3 Reading

The **topic** is what a passage is about. The **main idea** is the most important point the author makes about that topic. **Details** are smaller facts that help explain the main idea.

Try this example: Bees carry pollen from flower to flower. This helps many plants make seeds.

Topic: bees.

Main idea: Bees help plants make seeds by carrying pollen.

Detail: Bees move pollen between flowers.

For each day, read the passage and answer the questions. Your main idea should cover the whole passage.

Look for details that support it.



There was an empty patch beside the town library. Neighbors planted flowers, put in two benches, and added a small box for sharing books. Children now sit outside to read after school. Volunteers water the plants and keep the book box full. The patch is no longer empty. It is a quiet place where people can enjoy stories together.

Answer each question using complete sentences.

1. Write the main idea of the passage in one sentence.

2. Name one detail that supports that main idea.

3. Why is “The garden has two benches” a detail rather than the main idea?





Bees are important helpers in many gardens. They visit flowers to collect nectar, a sweet liquid. As bees move, pollen sticks to their bodies and reaches other flowers. This helps many plants make fruit and seeds. Bees are not the only animals that carry pollen, but many plants depend on their visits.

Answer each question using complete sentences.

1. Write the main idea in one sentence.

2. How do bees carry pollen between flowers?

3. Is “Bees collect nectar” the full main idea? Explain.



The school's lunch bin was full of empty water bottles that were used only once. The student council suggested bringing reusable bottles instead. Teachers added a water refill station near the gym. A month later, the bin held far fewer empty bottles. Students still had water to drink, but they threw away less plastic. The school kept the refill station because the change was useful.

Answer each question using complete sentences.

1. What change helped the school throw away fewer bottles?

2. Write the passage's main idea.

3. Why does the author describe the bin full of empty bottles at the start?



Every Friday, a group of students makes a five-minute school radio show. One student checks facts for the news. Another asks classmates questions. Two students read the announcements. Before recording, the group practices difficult words and checks names with the office. Their careful teamwork helps listeners hear clear, correct information.

Answer each question using complete sentences.

1. What is the main idea of this passage?

2. Give two details that support the main idea.

3. Why do the students check names before recording?





On a long space mission, astronauts cannot stop at a store. Teams on Earth plan and pack food before sending it to space. Some meals are dried so they can be prepared later by adding water. Other foods are heated and packed in sealed containers to help keep them safe to eat. Astronauts also need a mix of foods to stay healthy. Careful meal planning helps them prepare for space travel.

Answer each question using complete sentences.

1. Write the main idea.

2. List two details that support the main idea.

3. Why is “Some foods are dried” a detail rather than the main idea?

Check Your Answers Online!

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