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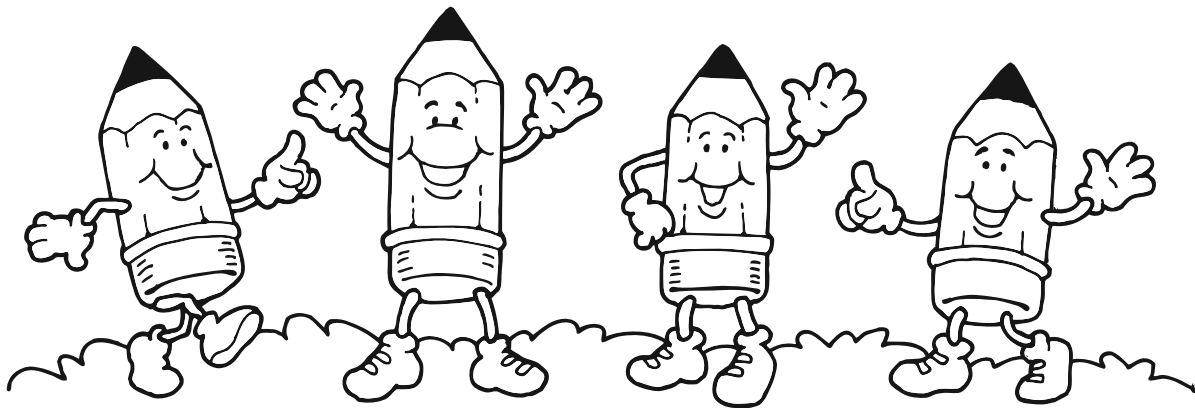
Introduction

Main Idea and Details 1–2 contains ready-to-use activity pages to provide students with skill practice. The fun activities can be used to supplement and enhance what you are already teaching in your classroom. Give an activity page to students as independent classwork, or send the pages home as homework to reinforce skills taught in class. An answer key is included at the end of the book.

This book provides activities that will directly assist students in practicing skills and concepts related to main idea and details. Students will receive reinforcement in the following skills:

- Identifying the main idea
- Identifying details
- Creating details to support a main idea
- Creating a main idea to go with a list of details
- Outlining
- Creating webs

“Recharge” skill review with the ready-to-go activities in this book, and give students the power to succeed!



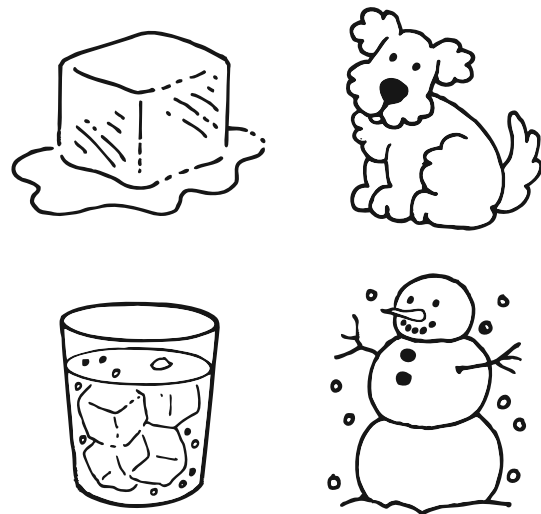
It Doesn't Belong

In each box, cross out the picture that does not go with the main idea.

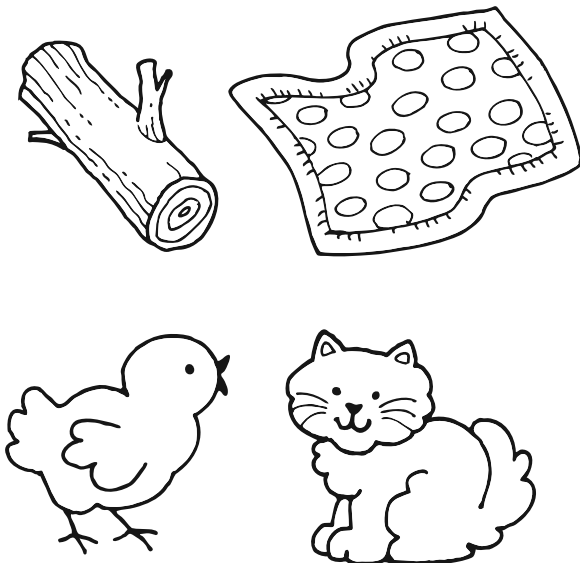
Things that are hot



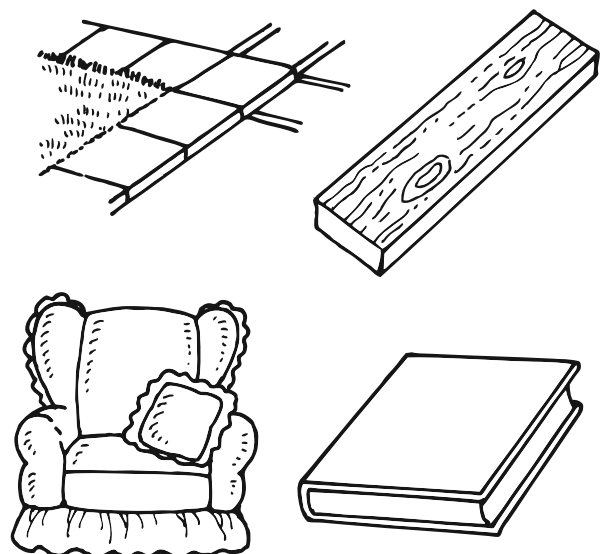
Things that are cold



Things that are soft



Things that are hard



Name _____ Date _____

The Main Idea

things at a school
board games

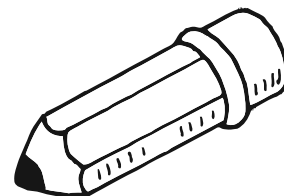
recess games
things in a bathroom

things in a kitchen
school supplies

For each group of words below, write a phrase from the box that tells the main idea.

1

pencil teacher desks



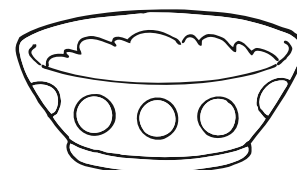
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toothbrush sink bathtub



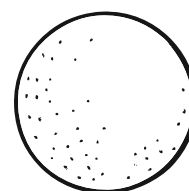
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stove bowl plates



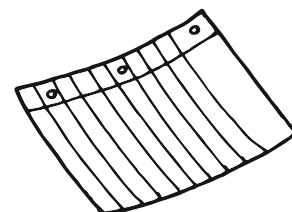
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handball tag four square



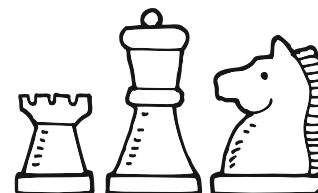
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eraser pencil paper



6

checkers Monopoly chess



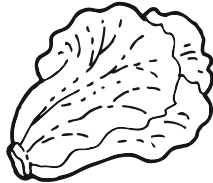
Mystery Main Ideas

For each set of items listed below, fill in the main idea that best represents them.

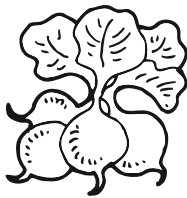
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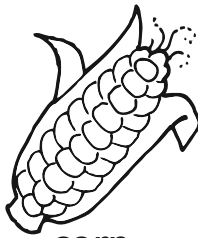
broccoli



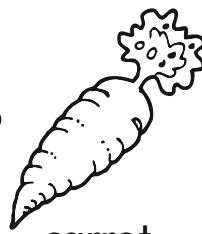
lettuce



radishes



corn



carrot

Main Idea:

2



bumble bee



ladybug



ant



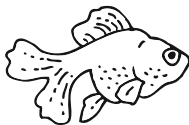
grasshopper



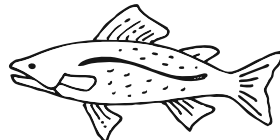
fly

Main Idea:

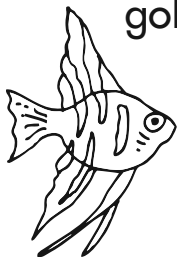
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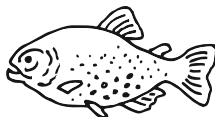
goldfish



trout



angelfish



piranha



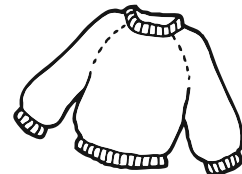
clownfish

Main Idea:

4



pants



sweater



shirt



underwear



shorts

Main Idea:

Flower Power

Read the words on the petals. Write the main idea in the center of each flower.

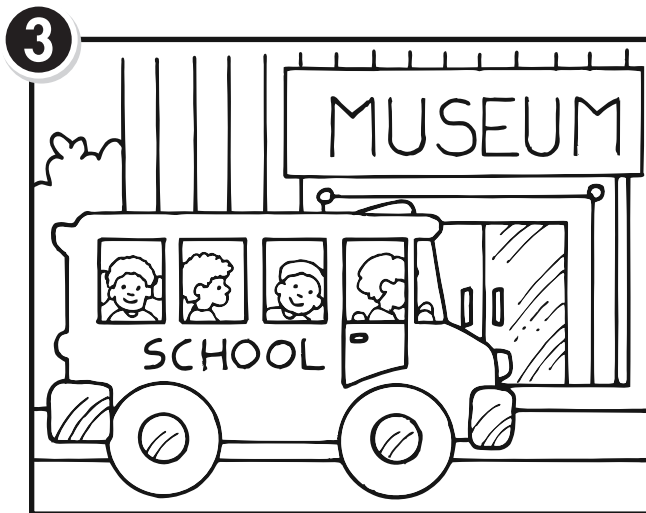
<p>1</p> <p>octopus dolphin</p> <p>shark fish</p>	<p>2</p> <p>moving truck cement truck</p> <p>pickup truck tow truck</p>
<p>3</p> <p>dog cat</p> <p>gerbil zebra rabbit</p>	<p>4</p> <p>red green</p> <p>blue yellow</p>

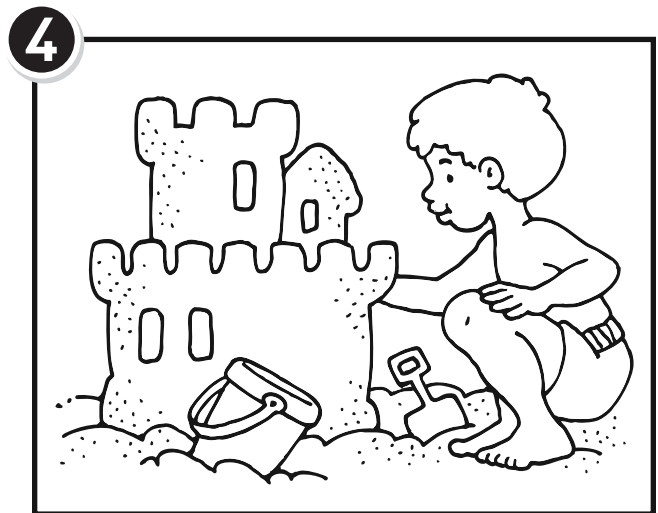
Main Idea Pictures

Look at each picture. Write a main idea sentence to go with each picture.









The Best Choice

Circle the main idea sentence that best matches the set of detail sentences.

1 *Main Idea*

A rainbow is made up of many colors.

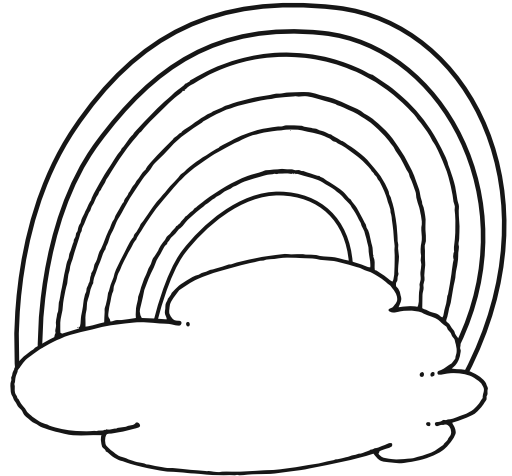
A rainbow can be seen after it rains.

Details

It has red, orange, and yellow stripes.

It has green, blue, and purple stripes.

Sometimes the colors are pale.



2 *Main Idea*

Turtles and snails are great pets.

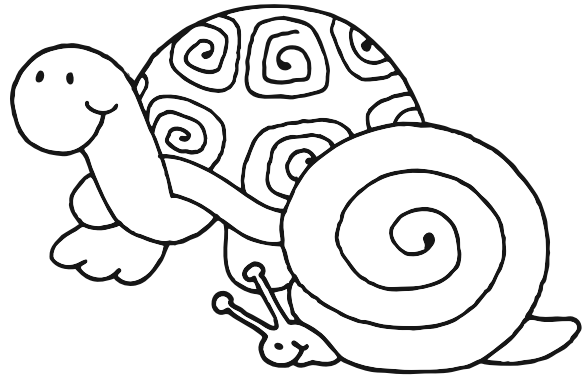
Turtles and snails are similar.

Details

They both have shells.

They are both slow.

They both eat plants.



3 *Main Idea*

It is easy to make a peanut butter and jelly sandwich.

Peanut butter and jelly sandwiches taste good.

Details

First, spread the peanut butter on a slice of bread.

Then, put the jelly on another slice of bread.

Put the two slices of bread together.



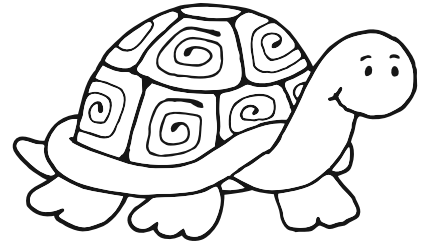
What's the Main Idea?

Read each paragraph. Fill in the circle next to the statement that tells the main idea.

- 1** Turtles make great pets. They don't make any noise like some other pets do. They can eat scraps of vegetables from your dinner plate. Turtles do not need to be bathed or walked. I love my pet turtle.

Main Idea

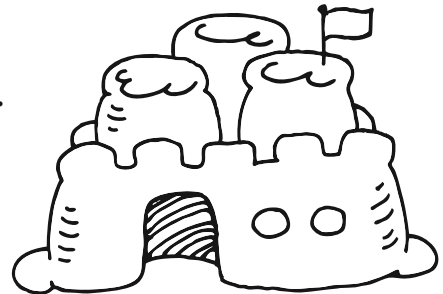
- ☐ Turtles live near lakes.
- ☐ Dogs need to be walked.
- ☐ Turtles are great pets.
- ☐ Turtles eat vegetables.



- 2** I like to play in the sand. Sometimes I make sand castles. I like to make cakes and pies in the sand. Sometimes I sift the sand to remove the tiny rocks and make soft sand. My sandbox is my favorite place to play.

Main Idea

- ☐ You can play in the sand at the beach.
- ☐ You can do many things in the sand.
- ☐ You can find sand in the desert.
- ☐ It is fun to play on the swings.



- 3** If you look at the clouds, you can see many things. One time, I saw a cowboy riding a horse. Sometimes my sister thinks she sees a princess. My mom likes to look for flower shapes in the clouds. What do you see in the clouds?

Main Idea

- ☐ Clouds can look like many different things.
- ☐ Clouds produce rain.
- ☐ Sunsets are beautiful.
- ☐ You can find flower shapes in the clouds.

