

# Main Idea and Details of a Picture 2

➔ Circle whether each sentence tells the **main idea** or a **detail** of the picture below.

1. main idea    detail    Each card has a word on it.
2. main idea    detail    There are three players.
3. main idea    detail    They are playing a game.
4. main idea    detail    They are sitting on the floor.



➔ Circle whether each sentence tells the **main idea** or a **detail** of the picture below.

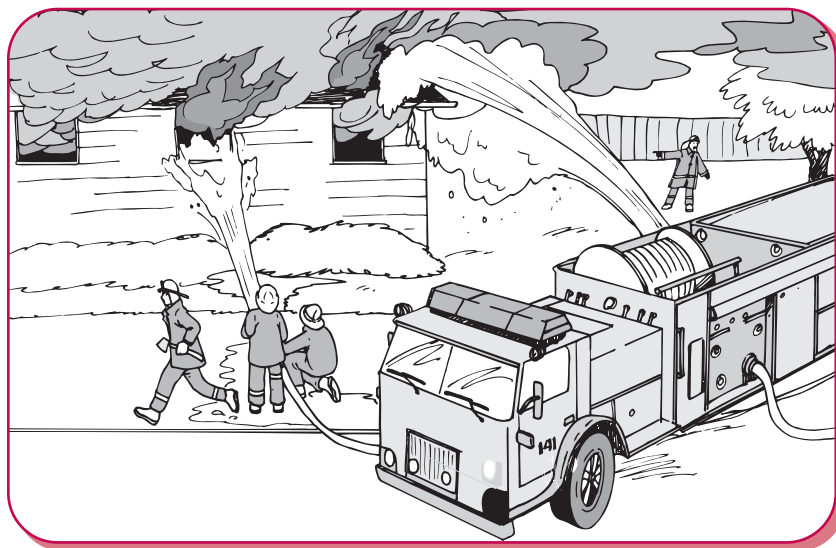
5. main idea    detail    She is wearing boots.
6. main idea    detail    It is raining.
7. main idea    detail    She is holding an umbrella.
8. main idea    detail    She is staying dry in the rain.



# Main Idea of a Picture 5

The main idea of a picture is the most important thing about what you see in the picture.

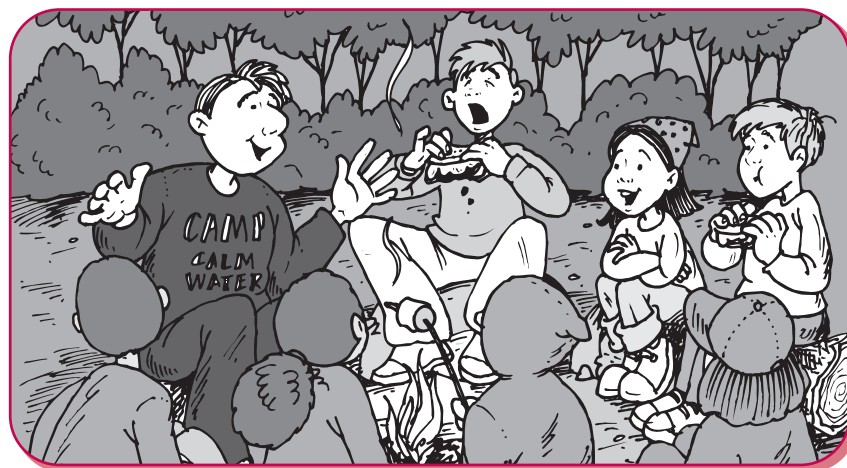
➡ Write a sentence that tells the main idea of each picture.



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# Topic and Main Idea of a Passage

Read this story to your students. Then ask the story questions, presenting all answer choices. Have your students justify their answer choices.

➡ I will read you a story. When I finish, I will ask you to tell me the topic and the main idea of the story.

In 1620, Pilgrims set out for the New World. They wanted a new way of life with their own rules. They sailed on the *Mayflower*.

There were 44 Pilgrims, called “Saints,” and 66 others the Pilgrims called “Strangers.” The trip took 65 days. They could only eat cold food because a fire could burn their ship. Many people became sick. One person died before the ship reached land.



The Saints and the Strangers did not get along well. When they saw land, these two groups made an agreement about how they would live in their new home. The agreement was called the “Mayflower Compact.” The people named themselves the “Pilgrims.”

Now I will give you three choices for the story I just read. Listen to all three choices. Then tell me which one is the topic.

- a. the *Mayflower*
- b. the Saints
- c. the Pilgrims

Now I will give you three choices for the main idea of the story about the Pilgrims. Listen to all three choices. Then tell me which one is the main idea.

- a. The Saints and the Strangers did not get along well.
- b. This story tells about how the Pilgrims came to the New World.
- c. This story tells about the “Mayflower Compact.”

# Topic and Main Idea of a Message

➡ Read one message at a time to your students. Then ask them to name the topic and use a complete sentence to tell the main idea of the message.

1. McKinley Zoo opens at 9:00 every day of the week. Try to get there by 9:00 if you want to watch the zookeepers feed the animals. There are special animal shows every hour on the hour. Check the signs to find out which animals will perform for each show. Children under age 12 must be accompanied by an adult. The petting zoo and the zoo train are free.

topic: **McKinley Zoo**

main idea: **This message tells visitors' information for McKinley Zoo.**

2. This is Mom. I'm supposed to pick you up after school today, but I need to go to a meeting at work. Uncle Matt will take you home from school. Please wait for him inside the front door of the school. He'll be there at 3:15. Please call my cell phone to let me know you got this message. I love you.

topic: **a message from Mom**

main idea: **Mom's plans have changed, so Uncle Matt will pick you up after school today.**

3. The assembly today will be a puppet show by the Puppet Players. The title of the show is "Catch a Rainbow." This is a funny story and I know you'll enjoy it. Please use your best listening behaviors during the show.

topic: **today's assembly**

main idea: **Today's assembly is a funny puppet show.**

4. Most of you have already brought in your books and toys for the school fair. Tomorrow is the deadline for bringing things in. Remember, this is our major fundraiser for the year. We will use the money we earn to buy new sports equipment. The fair is Saturday afternoon from 1:00 to 4:00. I hope you all come and bring your families!

topic: **the school fair**

main idea: **This is information about the school fair on Saturday.**