



Main Idea and Key Details

Today's Standard

3.RI.2 - Determine the main idea of a text; recount the key details and explain how they support the main idea.

Cues	Notes
What is the main idea?	The main idea is what the author wants to convey about the topic.
How do key details support the main idea?	Key details provide evidence and support for the main idea.
Difference between topic and main idea?	The topic is the subject of the text; the main idea is the author's message about the topic.
Examples of key details?	Key details are specific pieces of information that directly support the main idea.
Why is identifying the main idea important?	Identifying the main idea helps improve reading comprehension and understanding of the text.

Summary

Understanding the main idea and key details is crucial for reading comprehension. The main idea is the author's message about the topic, supported by key details.