



Main Topic and Key Details

Today's Standard

1.RI.2 - Identify the main topic and retell key details of a text.

Real-World Applications for this Standard

Summarizing a short story; Explaining the main idea of a picture book; Discussing the main topic of a science article for kids; Retelling key details of a news article; Identifying the main idea and details in a children's magazine

Today I Learned

Today, we learned how to find the main topic and key details in a text. This means we can tell what the text is mostly about and remember important information from it.

Common Stumbling Blocks

Sometimes, kids might think the main topic is just an interesting detail, but it's really what the whole text is about. Another mistake is thinking they need to repeat the text exactly, but they should use their own words to tell the main topic and details.

Quiz Me

- What is the main topic of the story?
- Can you tell me one key detail from the text?
- What is this text mostly about?
- Can you explain the main idea in your own words?
- What are some important points you remember from the text?

Help Me

Finding the main topic and key details helps us understand what we read. For example, if we read about animals, the main topic might be 'animals' and key details could be things like 'animals have fur' or 'animals need food.' This helps us remember and talk about what we learned.