

Parent Guide to the Standards

Main Ideas and Details

Today's Standard

3.SL.2 - Determine the main ideas and supporting details of a text read aloud or information presented in diverse media and formats, including visually, quantitatively, and orally.

Real-World Applications for this Standard

Summarizing a story read aloud in class; Identifying key points in a documentary; Discussing the main ideas of a news article; Explaining the main points of a graph or chart; Listening to a podcast and summarizing the key details

Today I Learned

Today, I learned how to find the main ideas and details in stories and different types of information like videos and charts.

Common Stumbling Blocks

Some kids think all details are equally important, but they need to find the main idea first. Others might think pictures or graphs are not as important as words, but all types of information help us understand better.

Quiz Me

- What is the main idea?
- Can you tell me a detail that supports the main idea?
- Why is it important to know the main idea?
- How can pictures or graphs help us understand a story?
- What tool can we use to find the main idea and details?

Help Me

When you listen to a story or watch a video, try to find the main idea, which is the most important part. Look for details that help explain the main idea. You can use tools like story maps to help you.