



## Main Ideas and Key Details

### Today's Standard

5.RI.2 - Determine two or more main ideas of a text and explain how they are supported by key details; summarize the text.

### Real-World Applications for this Standard

Analyzing news articles; Summarizing historical documents; Extracting main points from scientific reports; Understanding key details in instructional manuals

### Today I Learned

Today, we learned how to find the main ideas in a text and see how the details support them. We also practiced summarizing what we read.

### Common Stumbling Blocks

Sometimes, kids think the first sentence always tells the main idea, but that's not true. Also, some kids think summarizing is just rewriting everything in their own words. It's important to focus on the main ideas and key details.

### Quiz Me

- What is a main idea?
- How do details help the main idea?
- What does it mean to summarize?
- Can the main idea be in the middle of a paragraph?
- Why is it important to know the main idea?

### Help Me

When you read a book or article, try to find the main points the author is making. Look for details that support these points. This helps you understand and remember what you read better.