



# Main Idea & Supporting Details

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: Grade 2

## Part A: Sort the Words

Sort each word or number into the correct category box.

Butterflies have four life stages.

A caterpillar eats leaves to grow.

A chrysalis forms when the caterpillar changes.

Butterflies go through amazing changes.

Adult butterflies lay eggs.

Butterflies are insects.

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## Part B: Fill in the Blank

Write the missing word or number on each line.

1. Butterflies go through \_\_\_\_\_ life stages.
2. The main idea tells the \_\_\_\_\_ message of a passage.
3. A detail about butterflies is that a caterpillar eats \_\_\_\_\_.
4. When you retell a passage, you share the most \_\_\_\_\_ parts.
5. The topic of a passage about dogs is \_\_\_\_\_.

## Part C: True or False?

Read each statement. Circle True or False.

1. A supporting detail is the same as the main idea.  True  False
2. A passage about butterflies might have many details about their life.  True  False
3. The title of a passage can help you find the main idea.  True  False
4. Details that are off-topic help the reader understand the main idea.  True  False

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**Supporting Detail**

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### Part B: Fill in the Blank

Write the missing word or number on each line.

1. Butterflies go through four life stages.
2. The main idea tells the biggest message of a passage.
3. A detail about butterflies is that a caterpillar eats leaves .
4. When you retell a passage, you share the most important parts.
5. The topic of a passage about dogs is dogs .

### Part C: True or False?

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