



Main Idea & Supporting Details

Name: _____

Date: _____

Grade: Grade 2

Part A: Sort the Words

Sort each word or number into the correct category box.

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About Dogs

Not About Dogs

Part B: Fill in the Blank

Write the missing word or number on each line.

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2. Supporting details give _____ and examples about the main idea.
3. A good reader looks for the main idea at the beginning or _____ of a paragraph.
4. A sentence that does not match the main idea is called _____-topic.
5. The _____ of a passage is the one-word subject, like dogs or cats.

Part C: True or False?

Read each statement. Circle True or False.

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