



Main Idea & Supporting Details

Name: _____

Date: _____

Grade: Grade 2

Part A: Sort the Words

Sort each word or number into the correct category box.

Dolphins are very smart animals.

Dolphins use clicks and whistles to talk.

Baby dolphins stay close to their mothers.

Dolphins are amazing ocean creatures.

Dolphins can jump high out of the water.

Dolphins are mammals that live in the sea.

Main Idea or General Statement

Supporting Detail

Part B: Fill in the Blank

Write the missing word or number on each line.

1. Dolphins use clicks and _____ to talk to each other.
2. The main idea tells the _____ message of a paragraph.
3. A detail about dolphins is that baby dolphins stay close to their _____.
4. When you retell a passage, you say the main idea and the most important _____.
5. The topic of a passage about dolphins 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 dolphins might have many details about how they live. True False
3. Reading the first sentence of a paragraph can help you find the main idea. True False
4. Off-topic details help the reader understand the main idea better. True False

Part A: Sort the Words

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Baby dolphins stay close to their mothers. Dolphins are amazing ocean creatures.

Dolphins can jump high out of the water. Dolphins are mammals that live in the sea.

Main Idea or General Statement

Supporting Detail

Part B: Fill in the Blank

Write the missing word or number on each line.

- Dolphins use clicks and whistles to talk to each other.
- The main idea tells the biggest message of a paragraph.
- A detail about dolphins is that baby dolphins stay close to their mothers.
- When you retell a passage, you say the main idea and the most important details.
- The topic of a passage about dolphins is dolphins.

Part C: True or False?

Read each statement. Circle True or False.

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