



Main Idea & Supporting Details

Name: _____

Date: _____

Grade: Grade 2

Part A: Fill in the Blank

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2. If a passage is about whales, the topic is whales, but the main idea tells _____ about whales.
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4. Storms bring heavy rain and strong winds. They can knock down trees. The main idea is that storms are _____.
5. The ocean is home to fish, crabs, and whales. The topic is the _____. The main idea is that many animals live there.
6. Retelling means saying the most _____ parts of a passage in your own words.
7. When you retell, start with the main idea and add two or three key _____.
8. A good retelling does NOT include every small _____. It focuses on big ideas.
9. The _____ of a passage is different from the main idea because it is shorter.

Part B: Matching

Match each item on the left to the correct answer on the right.

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Seasons	→ _____	Many families enjoy having a pet at home.
Teeth	→ _____	Spiders spin webs to catch their food.

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Teeth	→	<u>Taking care of your teeth keeps them strong and healthy.</u>	Spiders spin webs to catch their food.