



Main Idea and Summarizing

Name: _____

Date: _____

Grade: Grade 4

Part A: Fill in the Blank

Write the missing word or number on each line.

1. A paragraph about bees making honey has the main idea that bees play an important role in producing _____.
2. When summarizing a story, you should include the characters, the _____, and the resolution.
3. The main idea answers the question: What is this passage mostly _____?
4. A strong summary uses the reader's own _____ instead of copying sentences from the text.
5. If every sentence in a paragraph is about how planets orbit the Sun, the _____ idea is about planetary orbits.
6. Supporting details often include examples, _____, and explanations.
7. Leaving out minor details makes a summary more _____ and easier to understand.
8. The title of a passage can sometimes give you a clue about the _____ idea.
9. A summary of a news article should answer who, what, when, where, and _____.

Part B: Matching

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

1. Match each item to its correct answer.

A paragraph about
how turtles
protect themselves

→ _____

Water moves
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precipitation.

A paragraph
listing supplies
needed for a
science project

→ _____

Exercise
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Part B: Matching

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A paragraph about how turtles protect themselves

→ Turtles use their hard shells to stay safe from predators.

Water moves through evaporation, condensation, and precipitation.

A paragraph listing supplies needed for

→ You will need a beaker, baking soda, vinegar, and safety goggles.

Exercise strengthens muscles and improves heart health.