



# 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 that describes three ways animals survive winter has the main idea that animals \_\_\_\_\_ to cold weather.
2. To find the main idea, ask yourself what one \_\_\_\_\_ ties all the details together.
3. A summary of a biography should mention the person's name, what they did, and why it \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Details about color, size, and shape in a passage about butterflies \_\_\_\_\_ the main idea.
5. If you remove a sentence and the paragraph still makes sense, that sentence is probably a \_\_\_\_\_ detail.
6. The main idea of a how-to article about baking bread is that following the \_\_\_\_\_ produces a good loaf.
7. A good summary is \_\_\_\_\_ enough to fit in just a few sentences.
8. Identifying the main idea helps you \_\_\_\_\_ what you read more quickly.
9. When two paragraphs share the same topic, their main \_\_\_\_\_ may still be different.

## Part B: Matching

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

1. Match each item to its correct answer.

An article about the benefits of reading every day → \_\_\_\_\_

Apollo 11 astronauts made history by walking on the Moon in 1969.

A passage about how bridges are built → \_\_\_\_\_

Many rain-forest species face extinction due to \_\_\_\_\_

**Part A: Fill in the Blank**

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Write the missing word or number on each line.

1. A paragraph that describes three ways animals survive winter has the main idea that animals adapt to cold weather.
2. To find the main idea, ask yourself what one point ties all the details together.
3. A summary of a biography should mention the person's name, what they did, and why it mattered.
4. Details about color, size, and shape in a passage about butterflies support the main idea.
5. If you remove a sentence and the paragraph still makes sense, that sentence is probably a minor detail.
6. The main idea of a how-to article about baking bread is that following the steps produces a good loaf.
7. A good summary is brief enough to fit in just a few sentences.
8. Identifying the main idea helps you remember what you read more quickly.
9. When two paragraphs share the same topic, their main ideas may still be different.

**Part B: Matching**

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

1. Match each item to its correct answer.

An article about the benefits of reading every day

→ Daily reading improves vocabulary, focus, and critical thinking.

Apollo 11 astronauts made history by walking on the Moon in 1969.

A passage about how bridges are built

→ Engineers use cables, beams, and concrete to construct safe bridges.

Many rain-forest species face extinction