



# Main Idea and Summarizing

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Grade: Grade 4

## Part A: Fill in the Blank

Write the missing word or number on each line.

1. A passage about coral reefs describes colorful fish, warm water, and algae because these are \_\_\_\_\_ details that support the main idea.
2. The central \_\_\_\_\_ of a passage is another way of saying the main idea.
3. When summarizing a nonfiction article, begin with the \_\_\_\_\_ and then add important details.
4. An author's \_\_\_\_\_ for writing a passage can help you understand its main idea.
5. A paragraph where every sentence explains how plants make food has the main idea about \_\_\_\_\_.
6. You can check your summary by asking whether it \_\_\_\_\_ the most important points.
7. Graphic organizers help you \_\_\_\_\_ details before writing a summary.
8. Including exact dialogue from a passage is not necessary in a good \_\_\_\_\_.
9. A well-written summary helps another reader \_\_\_\_\_ the passage without reading the whole thing.

## 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 report  
about how  
honeybees  
make  
honey



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Rosa Parks  
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**Part A: Fill in the Blank**

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Write the missing word or number on each line.

1. A passage about coral reefs describes colorful fish, warm water, and algae because these are key details that support the main idea.
2. The central idea of a passage is another way of saying the main idea.
3. When summarizing a nonfiction article, begin with the topic and then add important details.
4. An author's purpose for writing a passage can help you understand its main idea.
5. A paragraph where every sentence explains how plants make food has the main idea about photosynthesis.
6. You can check your summary by asking whether it covers the most important points.
7. Graphic organizers help you organize details before writing a summary.
8. Including exact dialogue from a passage is not necessary in a good summary.
9. A well-written summary helps another reader understand the passage without reading the whole thing.

**Part B: Matching**

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

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A report about how honeybees make honey

→ Bees collect nectar, process it in the hive, and store it as honey.

Rosa Parks helped spark the civil rights movement by refusing to give up her bus seat.

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