

Main Idea Cards

1. The cat had to do two difficult things to get his driver's license. He had to take a driver's test to pass and he also had to take the engine apart and put it back together correctly! He is now taking his friends to the beach for the first time. Do you think he passed his test?

The main idea is:

- A. When the cat took his driver's test.
- B. What types of tests are popular.
- C. How the cat got a driver's license.

2. The cats are going down to the beach to swim in the sea. The sea is full of salt water. Fresh water is found in ponds, lakes, rivers, and streams. Did you know that there are large amount of fresh water found in certain places in the sea?

The main idea is:

- A. Why fresh water is found in rivers.
- B. How much salt water there is.
- C. Where fresh water and salt water is found.

3. Down at the beach, the cats found a weird plant. Its leaves are small and not very pretty. When the cats rubbed up against it, the leaves closed up and the plant collapsed. They named it the "Sensitive Plant."

The main idea is:

- A. What the sensitive plant is like.
- B. When the sensitive plant grows.
- C. Why the sensitive plant is small.

4. Tom Cat says that sound can travel through solids, liquids, and gas. Since we are surrounded by a gas called air, most sounds reach us through the air. Sometimes we can feel sound going through a solid, like the ground or a desk. Sounds can travel through a liquid like water or the sea.

The main idea is:

- A. Why sounds must have air.
- B. What carries sound.
- C. How fast sound travels in water.

5. The cats are going to scuba dive to look for a creature called the Sea Mouse. It's a worm that looks like a mouse. The Sea Mouse lives in the mud near the Pacific Ocean. It is about 4 inches long and covered with hairs or bristles. The cats are going to have an adventure looking for sea mice.

The main idea is:

- A. How to find a sea mouse.
- B. What a sea mouse is like.
- C. Why a worm looks like a mouse.

6. It is said that greedy cats have longer tails. They take more than their share of fish sticks. They never share their toys with the other cats. And they never give the other cats a thought. Watch out for the cats with extra-long tails.

The main idea is:

- A. What is said about greedy cats.
- B. Why cats like long tails.
- C. Where the cats play with toys.