

Reading Comprehension
Main Idea & Supporting Details

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The **main idea** tells you what a picture, paragraph or story is **mostly about**.

Other sentences in the paragraph or a story that tell more about the main idea are called **supporting details**.

1. Write the main idea and two supporting details for the picture.

A black and white line drawing of two children, a girl and a boy, sitting on either side of a campfire. The girl is on the left, holding a plate, and the boy is on the right, holding a stick. They are both smiling. The campfire is made of stones and has flames. In the background, there is a tree and a simple landscape.	Main idea: _____
	Detail: _____ _____
	Detail: _____ _____

2. Read the paragraph below. Cross out the sentences that does not provide supporting detail for the main idea.

People came to The Bahamas from Africa. They had been taken from their homes by cruel people. I enjoy sleeping in my cool hammock. Many, many Africans died on the long journey to our islands. There are so many islands in The Bahamas. The Africans had to do all the hard work. They would be beaten or killed if they refused. Some come because they like our weather. They had to work all day and were never paid. Africans brought with them the things they used to do in Africa.