



### Main Idea in Sentences Worksheet

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- 2) Apples are my favorite food.
- 3) I like to go swimming in the summer.
- 4) You can build a snowman in the winter.
- 5) Sometimes we ride bikes at the park.
- 6) Broccoli is a delicious food.
- 7) Rainbows are made up of many different colors.
- 8) There are pine trees growing in the forest.
- 9) The playground has a slide, swings, and balls.
- 10) My jacket is blue and red with a green zipper.
- 11) I don't know why Paul is flying a kite in the rain.
- 12) We boil water and dunk a tea bag to make a cup of tea.
- 13) The cafeteria smells like pizza and lemonade.
- 14) Why are your shoes in the middle of the living room?
- 15) I have red, blue, and green blocks that we can build with.
- 16) Don't forget to wash your hair and use conditioner when you're in the shower.
- 17) I like to climb trees when it's warm enough outside.
- 18) Grasshoppers, beetles, and caterpillars are all bugs.
- 19) The clouds look like giant butterflies today.
- 20) The farmers are busy picking cotton in their fields.



## Main Idea and Details in Sentences Worksheet

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Then, underline any details that give you more information about the main idea.

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## Main Idea and Details in Paragraphs Worksheet

**Instructions:** Read each paragraph below. Circle the word or words that represent the main idea or topic of the sentence.

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- 1) The cat is playing in the snow. First, he jumps up and down as high as he can. Then, the cat rolls around in the snow. He seems to really enjoy the snow. Finally, he lays down and starts to lick the snow.
- 2) Paul is flying his kite. It is a blue kite with a red tail. The tail has several green bows hanging from it. On the body of the kite, there is a picture of a huge dragon. The kite can fly very high because it has a very long string. The kite soars high above the park.
- 3) We are making tea. First, we boil the water in the tea kettle. Then, we get out a tea bag. Next, we dunk the tea bag in the hot water. We let the tea steep for 4 minutes. Finally, we take the tea bag out and drink the tea. It is delicious.
- 4) The school cafeteria is a strange place. It always smells like pizza and lemonade even if we're having something else for lunch that day. It is also incredibly loud. Between the sounds of the kids talking and the food being prepared, you can't even hear yourself talk. Finally, the cafeteria has very old, dirty carpet that makes it look very gross. I don't like going to the cafeteria.
- 5) Why are your shoes in the middle of the living room? They are covered in mud and are getting the floor dirty? They are right in the middle of the path where everyone walks. They are likely to trip someone.
- 6) I have red, blue, and green blocks that we can build with. We can make a big tower or a small garage for our cars. We can build them high and knock them over or we can spread them out and make a city. There are a lot of possibilities when we play with blocks.
- 7) Grasshoppers, beetles, and caterpillars are all bugs. They crawl around on the ground and are smaller than most animals we see. Some people are scared of bugs, especially spiders. Other people collect bugs in jars. Lightning bugs are a fun bug to collect because they light up.
- 8) There are great big fluffy clouds in the sky today. Some look like giant butterflies. Others look like puffs of marshmallows. One cloud is dark and gloomy. That cloud looks like a rain cloud.
- 9) The farmers are busy picking cotton in their fields. They work hard to pull the cotton off of the plants and collect it in baskets. They drink water and wear hats to stay cool.



Re-Stating Main Idea and Details Graphic Organizer

**Instructions:** Read a text or paragraph from your school work. First, circle the main idea and underline the supporting details from the text.

Next, write down the main idea and supporting details here. Make sure to use complete sentences to describe the main idea and each detail.

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Using Main Idea and Supporting Details for Writing

**Instructions:** Think of a main idea that you want to write about. Write it down in the middle bubble using one word or a short sentence. Then, write supporting details in each of the outside bubbles (again using one word or a short sentence). Once you've done this, go back to the previous page and write down your main ideas and details in complete sentences (or do this on a separate piece of paper)

