

Short Answer Questions: Finding the main idea and key details

English Language Arts · Grade 3

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I am learning to: Identify the main idea of a nonfiction text and find key details that support it

Read each question carefully. Write your answer on the lines below. Your answers should be 1 to 4 sentences long. Remember to think about the main idea and the key details from the text we read together.

1. 1. What is the difference between a main idea and a key detail? Explain it in your own words.

2. 2. What was the main idea of the sea turtle passage we read together? Write it as one sentence.

3. 3. Name two key details from the sea turtle passage that support the main idea. First detail:

____ Second detail:

4. 4. The passage said that honeybees dance to tell other bees where flowers are. Is this a main idea or a key detail? Explain your thinking.

- 5.** 5. Look at this sentence: 'Some birds have red feathers.' What would be the main idea that this sentence could support? Write one sentence.

- 6.** 6. Choose one key detail from a text we read. Explain how it connects back to the main idea. Use 2 to 4 sentences.
