

# Main Ideas & Text Structure

Fill in each part when its number appears on the slide.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## PART 1 · TARGET

I can find the main ideas of an informational text, choose the details that support them, and name the text structure.

## PART 2 · WARM-UP

1. What is the difference between a main idea and a detail?

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2. Name a signal word that shows order (sequence).

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3. Read: "Bees pollinate flowers. They make honey. Some bees live in hives of 50,000." What is the main idea?

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## PART 3 · PREDICTION

A table has a top and legs. If the tabletop is the main idea, what are the legs?

Circle one: ☐ Key details ☐ The title ☐ The pictures

## PART 4 · VOCABULARY

| Word           | Meaning |
|----------------|---------|
| Main idea      |         |
| Key detail     |         |
| Text structure |         |
| Signal words   |         |

## PART 5 · FIND THE MAIN IDEA

The \_\_\_\_\_ is what every sentence has in \_\_\_\_\_.

Check: Tap the sentence that states the main idea.

Underline the answer: Wetlands are some of the most useful places on Earth. They soak up floodwater like sponges. They clean water as it flows through plants. They give homes to thousands of kinds of birds.

## **PART 6 • KEY DETAILS VS. INTERESTING DETAILS**

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\_\_\_\_\_ support the main idea. Interesting facts that do not support it are not key.

Check: Main idea: Wetlands protect towns from floods. Which detail supports it?

Circle one: (A) Wetlands soak up extra rainwater. (B) Frogs croak loudly at night. (C) Some wetlands are very old. (D) Herons are tall birds.

## **PART 7 • TWO OR MORE MAIN IDEAS**

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Longer texts can have \_\_\_\_\_ main ideas, often one per \_\_\_\_\_.

Check: An article has headings "How Bees Make Honey" and "Why Bees Are Disappearing." How many main ideas are there?

Circle one: (A) At least two (B) One (C) None (D) Only the title

## **PART 8 • TEXT STRUCTURE**

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Signal words like "because" and "as a result" show \_\_\_\_\_. "First" and "then" show \_\_\_\_\_.

Check: "Because the river flooded, the town built a levee." The structure is:

Circle one: (A) Sequence (B) Description (C) Compare and contrast (D) Cause and effect

## **PART 9 • WORKED EXAMPLE**

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Final answer from the example: \_\_\_\_\_

## **PART 10 • WE DO**

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Paragraph: "Because farmers cleared forests, rain washed soil into rivers. As a result, fish lost their habitats." Name the structure and the signal words.

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

## **PART 11 • YOU DO**

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"Unlike alligators, crocodiles have narrow snouts. Both live in warm water." The structure is:

Circle one: (A) Problem and solution (B) Description (C) Compare and contrast (D) Sequence

## **PART 12 • WORK TIME: THE CASE OF THE SCRAMBLED ARTICLES**

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Write each code piece as you earn it: File 1: \_\_\_\_ File 2: \_\_\_\_ File 3: \_\_\_\_ File 4: \_\_\_\_ File 5: \_\_\_\_

**Final code:** \_\_\_\_\_

## **PART 13 • WRAP-UP**

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Was your prediction in Part 3 right? One thing I learned today:

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