

## Objective

By the end of this lesson, you will be able to use key details to determine the main idea in a piece of writing.

## Materials and Prep

- Pencil and paper

## Activities

1. Read a short passage together and identify key details.
2. Discuss the main idea of the passage based on the key details identified.
3. Practice finding key details and determining the main idea in a different passage independently.
4. Write a short paragraph summarizing the main idea of a passage of your choice.

## Talking Points

- Key details are specific pieces of information that support the main idea of a passage. They help us understand what the passage is mainly about.
- When looking for key details, pay attention to facts, examples, and important information mentioned in the passage.
- The main idea is the most important point or message that the writer wants to convey. It is like the central idea or theme of the passage.
- To determine the main idea, think about what all the key details in the passage have in common. What is the overall point the writer is trying to make?
- Remember, the main idea may not always be explicitly stated in the passage. Sometimes, you have to infer or draw conclusions based on the key details.
- Practice makes perfect! The more you practice identifying key details and determining the main idea, the better you will become at understanding and summarizing different pieces of writing.