

Main Idea and Details

What is the main idea?

The main idea is what the text is mostly about

What are details?

Details are sentences that tell more about, describe or explain the main idea.

How can I find the main idea?

Before Reading:

Do your non-fiction non-negotiables:

- Look at the Title and Subtitles.
- Look at the pictures, charts, maps and captions

During Reading

- Look for words or phrases that are repeated over and over.
- Sometimes the main idea is either the first or last sentence in the text.

Post reading

- Ask yourself:

"Self, what is this mostly about?"

"Self, what does the author want me to understand?"