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We are learning to identify the MAIN IDEA of a story.

Steps to success.

1. Identify **Who** or **What** is the paragraph about?
2. What is the most **important information** about the who or what.

Example 1.

Watson is a farmer. He has a cow. He named his cow Gertie. She is a very big cow.

What is the main idea of the story?

a. Watson's cow.
b. Farmer.
c. A cow.

What is his cow's name?
His cow's name is Gertie

Example 2.

I have an apple tree. It Is in my garden. It is very tall. I am going to pick the apples.

What is the main idea of the story?

a. My new pencil.
b. My apple tree.
c. My new bike.

Where is it?
It is in my garden.

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Find the MAIN IDEA.

Spots was a large grey and white cat. Spots lived in a barn on a farm. Spots liked living in the barn. It was warm in the winter and cool in the summer. There were many mice for Spots to chase. Best of all, Spots had a soft place to sleep in the corner of the barn.

What is the main idea of the story?

a. The barn was dirty.
b. Spots was grey and white.
c. The barn was a good place for spots to live.
d. Spots often sleep outside when it rained.

Find the MAIN IDEA.

Giraffes.

Giraffes are fascinating creature. Did you know that giraffes can go weeks without water? Here's another fun fact: if you like to sleep, you wouldn't you want to be a giraffe. They can't sleep for more than 2 hours at a time! Giraffes have a long tongue, up to 20 inches. They use the long tongues to reach leaves, but they also use them to clean out their ears.

What is the main idea of the story?

a. Giraffes are fascinating creatures.
b. Giraffes have special tongues.
c. Giraffes can't sleep 2 hours at a time.

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Find the MAIN IDEA.

Do mice love cheese? Maybe. But that's not all they eat. In fact, mice will eat just about anything they can find. Mice eat fruits, seeds and grains. They will even eat insects, worms and snails. House mice will even eat chocolate and peanut butter.

What is the main idea of the story?

a. A mouse's favourite food is cheese.
b. Mice eat insects, worms and snails.
c. Mice will eat just about anything.

Find the MAIN IDEA.

Shark teeth are quite different from human teeth. We start getting teeth at about 6 months to a year, but shark pups are born with teeth. We only have 32 adult teeth, but sharks have thousands. If we lose a tooth, we need to visit the dentist to get a false tooth. But sharks can lose and grow over 21,000 teeth in a lifetime.

What is the main idea of the story?

a. Sharks can loose and grow 20,000 teeth.
b. Sharks have more teeth than humans.
c. Shark and human teeth are quite different.

Find the MAIN IDEA.

The blue whale weighs up to 200 tons. Its tongue can weigh as much as an elephant. It's heart can weigh as much as a car. The blue whale can be 100 feet in length. It's as long as three school buses parked end to end. It's easy to see that the blue whale is the biggest animal in the world.

What is the main idea of the story?

a. The blue whale's heart is very heavy.
b. The blue whale is the biggest animal in the world.
c. A blue whale can be 100 feet long.

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