

Main Idea and Details

- The **main idea** is the most important idea from a paragraph, passage, or article.
- **Details** are small pieces of information that tell more about the main idea.

Directions Read the following passage. Complete the diagram by stating the main idea and three supporting details. Then answer the question below the diagram.

The President of Mexico has a difficult job, but at least there are people to help the President along the way. These special people are called the Cabinet. The President gets to choose the members of the Cabinet, but the Attorney General must also be approved by the Senate.

Each member of the Cabinet represents

a department of the government. Some examples of these departments are Public Education, National Defense, and Communications and Transportation. The Cabinet meets with the President to talk about issues that affect their departments. In these meetings, the President gets good advice on what decisions to make.

Main Idea

1.

Supporting Details

2.

3.

4.

5. What is a one-sentence summary of this passage?