Comprehension – Main Idea

Write the note below in your copybooks.

Main Idea

The main Idea of a story or passage it what it is mostly about. We write 1 sentence telling us about the story.

SUPPORTING DETAILS

Supporting details are sentences that describe and give more information about the main idea of a piece of writing.

Main idea: Ice cream is the best summer treat.

Supporting Detail:
Ice cream is cold, and it refreshes you on a hot summer day.

Supporting Detail:
There are so many different types of ice cream, everyone can find a treat they enjoy.

Supporting Detail:
You can eat ice cream on a stick or in a cone, so it is a really easy treat to take with you on a busy summer day.

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Read the passages below and answer the questions that follow.

Luca's grandpa lives on a farm. His grandpa has a big garden, and many animals. When Luca was little, he was afraid of the chickens. When he helped his grandpa feed the chickens, the chickens chased him, crying, "Cluck, cluck, cluck!" But his grandpa showed him how to shoo the chickens away with his hand, saying, "Shoo chicks, shoo chicks!" Luca still doesn't like the chickens much, but he isn't afraid of them now. He feels very grown up.

1. What is this whole story mostly about? write your answer.

Grandpa's garden	Luca and the chickens	Luca's favorite animal

2. Which of these is a small piece of information from the story that makes the story more interesting? write your answer.

Luca drew a picture of the farm.	Luca helped pick the vegetables.	The chickens said "Cluck, cluck, cluck!"

Alex's grandpa lives in a big city, on the 18th floor of an apartment building. From his grandpa's windows, Alex can see the whole city. Alex used to be afraid to look out the windows, because they were up so high. But his grandpa would sit with Luca, and point out all the interesting things in the city. Now Luca likes to look out his grandpa's windows. He can see the library, and the train station, and the park. He feels very grown up.

3. What is this whole story mostly about? write your answer.

Alex takes a train ride	Alex rides the elevator	Alex and his grandpa's windows

4. Which of these is a small piece of information from the story that makes the story more interesting? write your answer.

Grandpa's apartment is on the 18th floor.	The train station is a busy place.	There is an elevator in Alex's grandpa's building.

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5. Make up one more detail that would make this story even more interesting.

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