

Main Idea/Details

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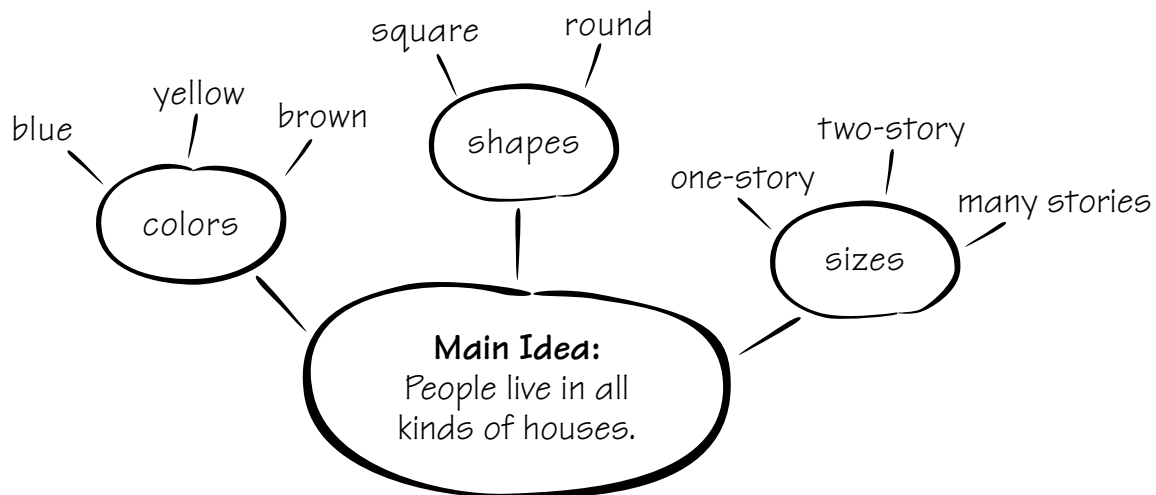
- ● Leveled Book: *A Scare in the City*

1 Reteach

Hold up each picture and ask students to identify what's shown. (a house) Staple the pictures together to create a little book about houses. Say: **This book tells us that people live in many kinds of houses. This is the big idea of the book. The big idea is called the main idea.**

Work with students to create captions with supporting details. Show the first photo and explain: **People live in (small) houses. This is a detail that supports, or tells more about, the main idea.**

You may want to display the supporting details in a web:



Materials

- stapler
- 5 or 6 pictures of houses; suggested Web site: <http://www.hgpho.to/wfest/house/house-e.html>

2 Practice with a Partner

Have each student make a photo book and write or tell a partner the main idea. The partner "reads" the book and tells or writes supporting details for each picture.

Materials

- magazines to cut up
- markers

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Distribute copies of the **Main Idea and Details Bookmark**. Explain that students should refer to the Bookmark as they read. Have students identify the main idea and details of the book. Use the **Multi-Level Strategies** to support them.

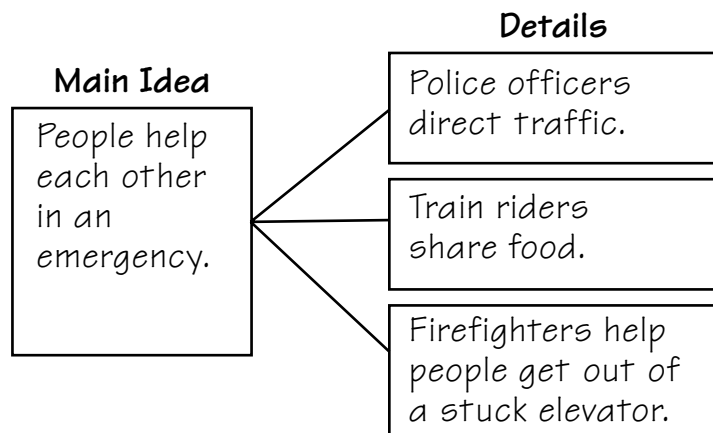
INTERMEDIATE

Help students identify the main idea by asking: **What is the big idea in this book?** Then guide them in identifying details by asking questions every two pages, such as: **What happens here? Does it tell more about the main idea? How?**

ADVANCED

After students identify the main idea and details, have them write a newspaper-like headline that expresses the main idea of the book. For example, "People Come Together in Power Outage." Have partners compare their headlines.

Record students' ideas in a main idea and details diagram.



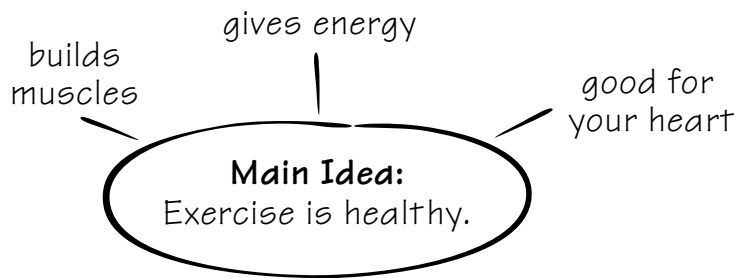
Have students use the diagram to help retell the story to a partner.

CLOSE AND ASSESS

Have students tell what a main idea is (the big, or most important, idea) and what details do (tell more about the main idea).

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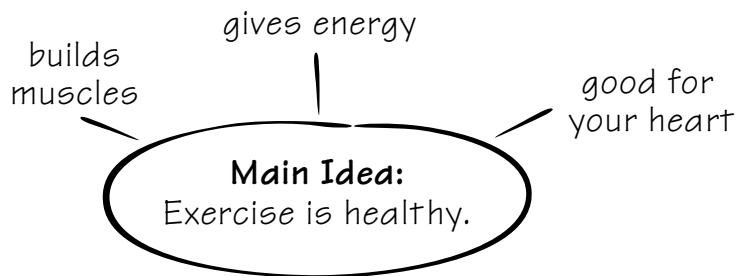


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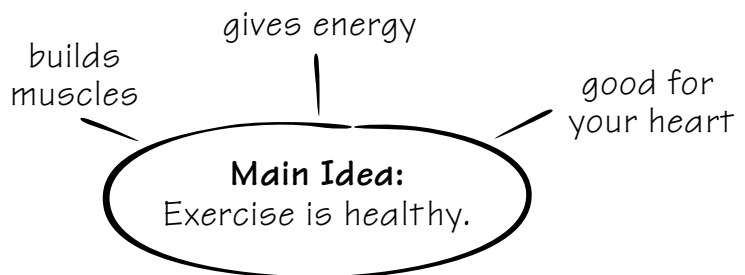


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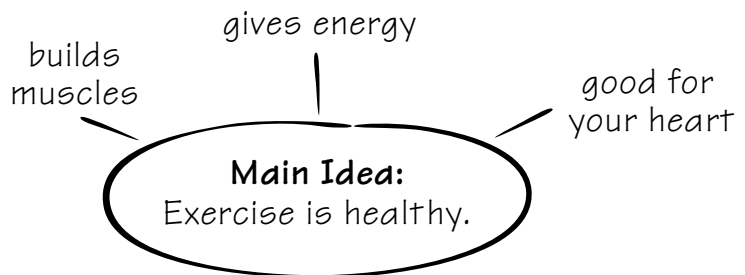


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