

Main Idea/Details

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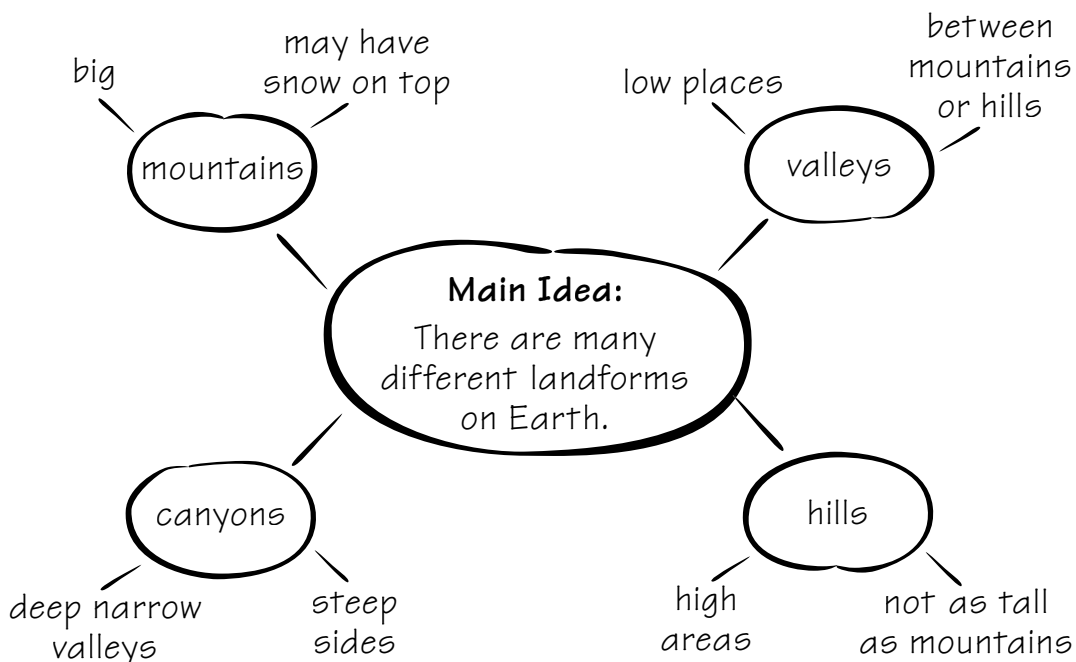
- ● Leveled
- Book: *Antarctica*

1 Reteach

Hold up each picture and ask students to identify what's shown. (a mountain, valley, etc.) Staple the pictures together to create a book about landforms. Ask: **What does this book say about landforms?** (that there are many different landforms on Earth)

Explain: **The main idea is the author's big idea.** Work with students to create captions with supporting details. With the first photo, model: **A mountain is one of Earth's landforms. This is a detail that supports, or tells more about, the main idea.**

Display the supporting details in a web:


Materials

- stapler
- 5 or 6 pictures of landforms; suggested Web site: www.edu.pe.ca/southernkings/valleyfl.htm

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.

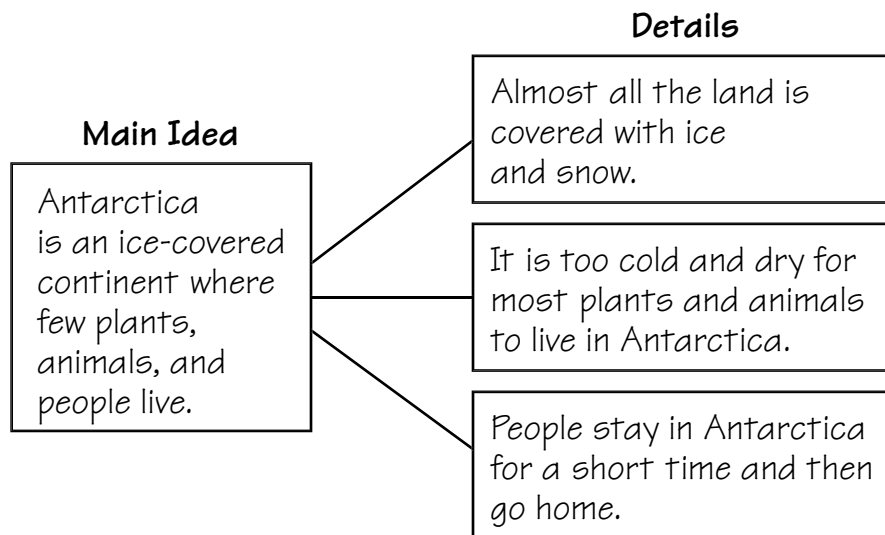
INTERMEDIATE

Ask: **What is the main idea in this book?** Then have students elaborate by asking them questions for every two pages: **What is this part mostly about?** **Does it tell more about the main idea?**

ADVANCED

After students identify the main idea and details, have them write a headline that expresses the main idea of the book. For example, "Antarctica: Empty Land of Ice." Have partners compare their headlines.

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



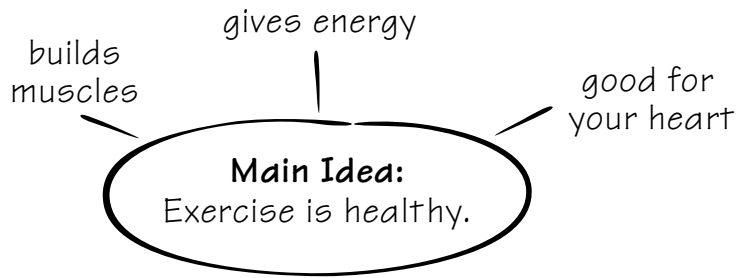
Have students use the diagram to retell the information to a partner.

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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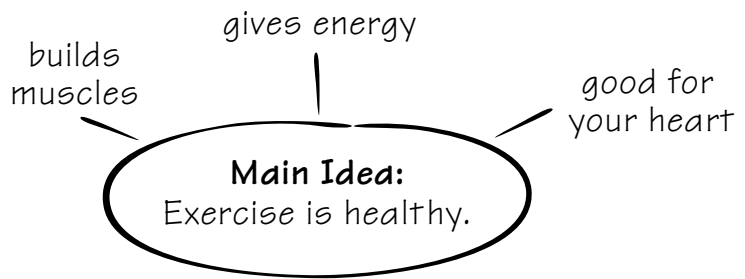


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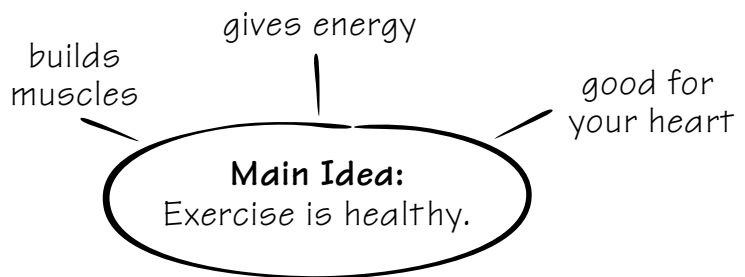


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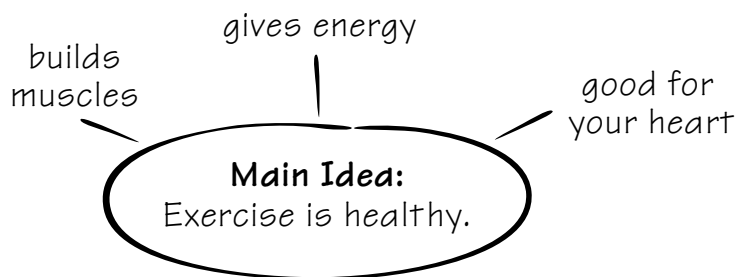


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