

Nonfiction Text

Main Idea: what the text is mostly about

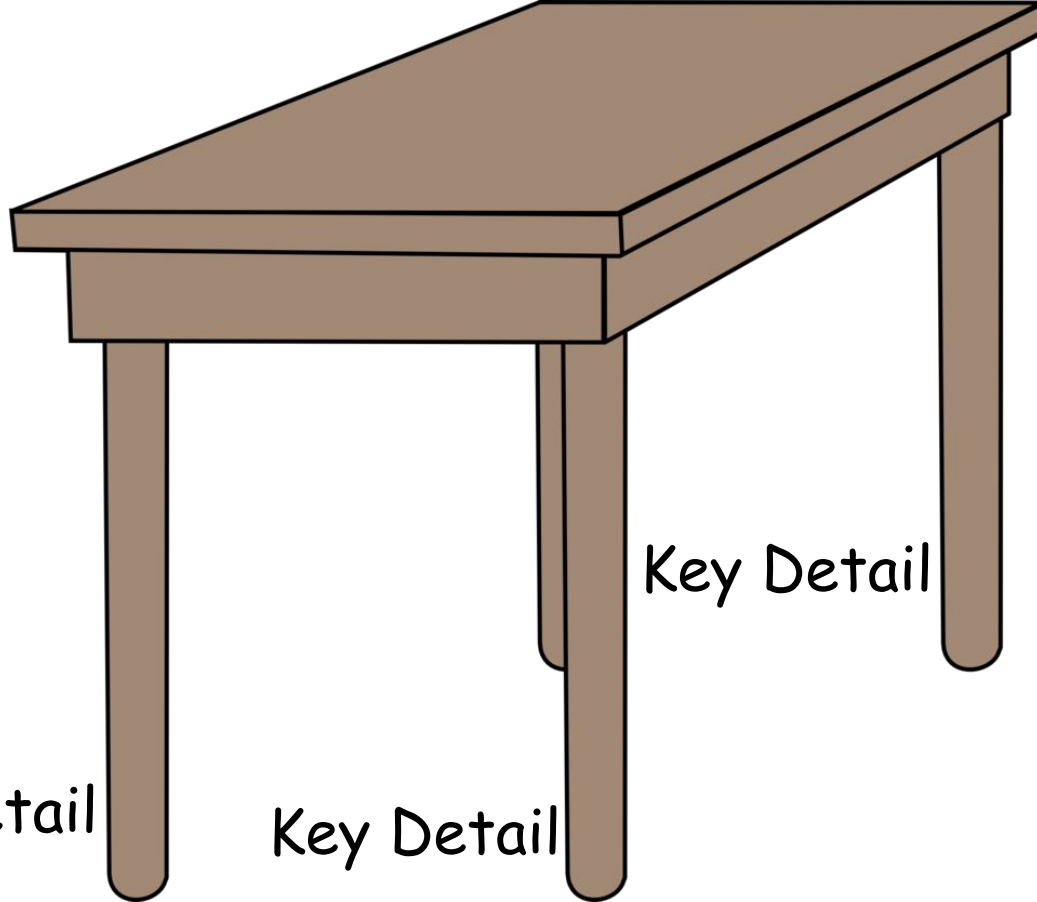
Key Details: anything from the text that supports the main idea

Main Idea

Key Detail

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Main Idea and Key Details

Name _____

Main Idea:

Detail:

Detail:

Detail:

How to Identify the **MAIN IDEA**:

What the passage is mostly about

Before You Read:

Look at the title, text features, and pictures to get an idea of what the topic of the passage might be

While You Read:

Look for repeated words, ideas, and information

After You Read:

Review the details from the text and think about how they all relate. What do the details tell you about the topic?

•REMEMBER•

the main idea is not the same as the topic!

•DOUBLE CHECK•

make sure that all of the details support the main idea

Main Idea:

what is the author telling you about the topic?

Supporting
Detail

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NONFICTION SUMMARY



1. USE YOUR OWN WORDS
2. KEEP IT SHORT (1 PARAGRAPH)
3. INCLUDE TITLE & AUTHOR
4. CLEARLY STATE MAIN IDEA
5. SUPPORT MAIN IDEA WITH DETAILS