



Reading Corner

Main Idea & Details Part 2

ANSWER SHEET

What is a main idea?

A main idea is what the text is mostly about.

What are details?

Details are sentences that tell more about, describe, or explain the main idea.

Directions: Read each paragraph. Then, use the graphic organizer to record the main idea and three supporting details.

You know that butterflies are insects that glide through the air on colorful wings. Did you know they are also masters of disguise? For example, the Viceroy butterfly has evolved to look almost exactly like the Monarch, a poisonous butterfly that predators know to avoid. Though the Viceroy itself is not poisonous, birds and other predators steer clear, mistaking it for the Monarch. The Buckeye sports “eyespot”, target-shaped spots resembling eyes, on the tips of its wings. Predators will aim for an eyespot, believing it to be the head of the Buckeye, but will instead end up with just a wing tip, allowing the Buckeye to escape.

Detail → Viceroy butterflies have evolved to look almost exactly like the monarch, a poisonous butterfly

Detail → birds and other predators steer clear of the Viceroy butterfly, mistaking it for the poisonous Monarch

Detail → Buckeyes have “eye spots” that aren’t really eyes and this tricks its predators when they try to attack

Main Idea → Butterflies are masters of disguise.