



Main Idea & Supporting Details

Name: _____

Date: _____

Grade: Grade 2

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Write the missing word or number on each line.

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3. The main idea is usually found at the _____ or end of a paragraph.
4. Details _____ the main idea by giving examples and facts.
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