



Main Idea & Supporting Details

Name: _____

Date: _____

Grade: Grade 2

Part A: Sort the Words

Sort each word or number into the correct category box.

Butterflies have four life stages.

A caterpillar eats leaves to grow.

A chrysalis forms when the caterpillar changes.

Butterflies go through amazing changes.

Adult butterflies lay eggs.

Butterflies are insects.

Main Idea or General Statement

Supporting Detail

Part B: Fill in the Blank

Write the missing word or number on each line.

1. Butterflies go through _____ life stages.
2. The main idea tells the _____ message of a passage.
3. A detail about butterflies is that a caterpillar eats _____.
4. When you retell a passage, you share the most _____ parts.
5. The topic of a passage about dogs is _____.

Part C: True or False?

Read each statement. Circle True or False.

1. A supporting detail is the same as the main idea. True False
2. A passage about butterflies might have many details about their life. True False
3. The title of a passage can help you find the main idea. True False
4. Details that are off-topic help the reader understand the main idea. True False

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A chrysalis forms when the caterpillar changes. Butterflies go through amazing changes.

Adult butterflies lay eggs. Butterflies are insects.

Main Idea or General Statement

Supporting Detail

Part B: Fill in the Blank

Write the missing word or number on each line.

1. Butterflies go through four life stages.
2. The main idea tells the biggest message of a passage.
3. A detail about butterflies is that a caterpillar eats leaves .
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5. The topic of a passage about dogs is dogs .

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