



# Main Idea & Supporting Details

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: Grade 2

## Part A: Sort the Words

Sort each word or number into the correct category box.

Dolphins are very smart animals.

Dolphins use clicks and whistles to talk.

Baby dolphins stay close to their mothers.

Dolphins are amazing ocean creatures.

Dolphins can jump high out of the water.

Dolphins are mammals that live in the sea.

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## Part B: Fill in the Blank

Write the missing word or number on each line.

1. Dolphins use clicks and \_\_\_\_\_ to talk to each other.
2. The main idea tells the \_\_\_\_\_ message of a paragraph.
3. A detail about dolphins is that baby dolphins stay close to their \_\_\_\_\_.
4. When you retell a passage, you say the main idea and the most important \_\_\_\_\_.
5. The topic of a passage about dolphins 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 dolphins might have many details about how they live.  True  False
3. Reading the first sentence of a paragraph can help you find the main idea.  True  False
4. Off-topic details help the reader understand the main idea better.  True  False

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Main Idea or General Statement

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### Part B: Fill in the Blank

Write the missing word or number on each line.

1. Dolphins use clicks and whistles to talk to each other.
2. The main idea tells the biggest message of a paragraph.
3. A detail about dolphins is that baby dolphins stay close to their mothers.
4. When you retell a passage, you say the main idea and the most important details.
5. The topic of a passage about dolphins is dolphins.

### Part C: True or False?

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