



## Main idea and details

### Reading Comprehension Worksheet

#### Practice

A parent or tutor should read to the student and help the student to record their answers.

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The **main idea** of a story is what the whole story is *mostly about*.

The **details** are *small pieces of information* that make the story more interesting.

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Listen to this story. Think about what the whole story is *mostly about*.

Luca's grandpa lives on a farm. His grandpa has a big garden, and many animals. When Luca was little, he was afraid of the chickens. When he helped his grandpa feed the chickens, the chickens chased him, crying, "Cluck, cluck, cluck!" But his grandpa showed him how to shoo the chickens away with his hand, saying, "Shoo chicks, shoo chicks!" Luca still doesn't like the chickens much, but he isn't afraid of them now. He feels very grown up.

1. What is this whole story mostly about? Circle your answer.

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| Grandpa's garden | Luca and the chickens | Luca's favorite animal |
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2. Which of these is a small piece of information from the story that makes the story more interesting? Circle your answer.

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| Luca drew a picture of the farm. | Luca helped pick the vegetables. | The chickens said "Cluck, cluck, cluck!" |
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Listen to this story. Think about what the whole story is *mostly about*.

Alex's grandpa lives in a big city, on the 18<sup>th</sup> floor of an apartment building. From his grandpa's windows, Alex can see the whole city. Alex used to be afraid to look out the windows, because they were up so high. But his grandpa would sit with Alex, and point out all the interesting things in the city. Now Alex likes to look out his grandpa's windows. He can see the library, and the train station, and the park. He feels very grown up.

3. What is this whole story mostly about? Circle your answer.

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| Alex takes a train ride | Alex rides the elevator | Alex and his grandpa's windows |
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4. Which of these is a small piece of information from the story that makes the story more interesting? Circle your answer.

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| Grandpa's apartment is on the 18 <sup>th</sup> floor. | The train station is a busy place. | There is an elevator in Alex's grandpa's building. |
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5. Make up one more detail that would make this story even more interesting.

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## **Answer Key**

1. Luca and the chickens.
2. The chickens said, "Cluck, cluck, cluck!"
3. Alex and his grandpa's windows.
4. Grandpa's apartment is on the 18<sup>th</sup> floor.
5. Accept any reasonable response.