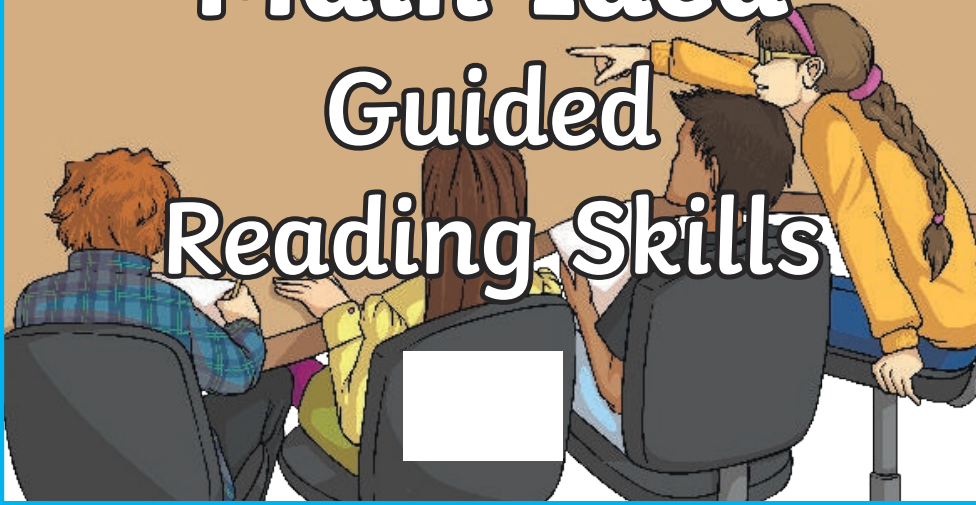


Main Idea Guided Reading Skills



1. Main Idea Guided Reading Skills

Read the following passage and write a statement which gives the main idea of the passage. Can you also write one detail which supports the main idea?

Holly's mother had told her to clean her room before her birthday party. She needed to clear up space for more gifts before she could bring any into the house! She spent the whole day sorting out her toys so she had plenty of room. All of her dolls went into one bucket, all of her puzzles went into another. She put all of her stuffed animals on her bed, and lined up her toy cars and trains all around her room. By the time her party started, her room was spotless.

2. Main Idea Guided Reading Skills

Read the following passage and write a statement which gives the main idea of the passage. Can you also write one detail which supports the main idea?

Evie pulled a face and looked down at her plate in disgust. She couldn't believe her mom had made a dinner with every single one of her least favorite ingredients. There was yucky cucumber and lettuce, covered in sticky mayonnaise. Mom had even put tomatoes on the chicken, and carrots on the side. To make matters worse, dessert was rice pudding, and Evie hated rice pudding! This was the worst meal ever.

3. Main Idea Guided Reading Skills

Read the following passage and write a statement which gives the main idea of the passage. Can you also write one detail which supports the main idea?

As soon as Alfie drifted off to sleep, he was transported into a magical faraway land. He was surrounded by fairy tale characters and people from the movie that he had watched just before bed. The characters couldn't see him, but he could see them and hear everything they were saying. Just as he was beginning to have fun, a dragon came swooping down upon him, baring its teeth and breathing fire. He jumped and sat up, wide awake, his heart pounding.

4. Main Idea Guided Reading Skills

Read the following passage and write a statement which gives the main idea of the passage. Can you also write one detail which supports the main idea?

A blizzard is an extreme weather event that occurs most often during the winter. Blizzards happen when there are very low temperatures and high winds, always during a severe snowstorm. Often, schools, shops, and places of work are closed during blizzards. It can be very dangerous to travel during a blizzard, and most people choose to stay off the roads until the blizzard has passed.

5. Main Idea Guided Reading Skills

Read the following passage and write a statement which gives the main idea of the passage. Can you also write one detail which supports the main idea?

Newborn babies are adorable, but they are a lot of work! When babies are very young, they need to eat every two or three hours around the clock, and they need to have their diaper changed just as often. It takes babies a while to get into a routine, and when they are first born, they often sleep during the day and stay awake all night. Babies love cuddles and sometimes want to be held all the time. Moms and Dads of newborn babies are often very tired.

6. Main Idea Guided Reading Skills

Read the following passage and write a statement which gives the main idea of the passage. Can you also write one detail which supports the main idea?

Baking is a popular hobby. It is becoming even more popular as a result of television baking shows, which have huge audiences. Baking is easy to do with the right recipe. Many people enjoy baking cakes and biscuits, because there are so many different ideas and flavors to use! Lots of bakers like to share what they have made with their friends and family and find it a relaxing hobby to do at home.

7. Main Idea Guided Reading Skills

Read the following passage and write a statement which gives the main idea of the passage. Can you also write one detail which supports the main idea?

Having a pet is a big responsibility, but it can be lots of fun too. Choosing the right kind of pet for your home is very important. You might want a dog, but don't enjoy walking. In this case, you might decide that a different animal, such as a cat or rabbit, would suit you better. Deciding which pet to have is a decision that needs to be made by the whole family. Some people choose the wrong pet, and don't enjoy looking after it. However, lots of people who do have pets love them very much and find that if they look after their pet properly, they have a friend for life.

8. Main Idea Guided Reading Skills

Read the following passage and write a statement which gives the main idea of the passage. Can you also write one detail which supports the main idea?

Being ill is no fun, so taking steps to avoid getting sick is very important for you, your friends, and everyone in your community. It is easy for germs to spread and cause other people to become sick. It's important to remember to wash your hands before you eat, and always after sneezing or blowing your nose. Tissues should be put straight in the trash can. You should always remember to cover your mouth when coughing or sneezing, too.

9. Main Idea Guided Reading Skills

Read the following passage and write a statement which gives the main idea of the passage. Can you also write one detail which supports the main idea?

The Titanic was a huge ship which was built in Belfast and operated by the White Star Line. It is famous for sinking on its maiden voyage in April 1912, while carrying over 2000 passengers. The ship was said to be unsinkable, but it struck an iceberg which tore holes in the ship's hull. The passengers on board the ship had very little time to exit the ship and many people died.

10. Main Idea Guided Reading Skills

Read the following passage and write a statement which gives the main idea of the passage. Can you also write one detail which supports the main idea?

Molly tapped on the window next to her front door. She cupped her hands around her eyes and peered inside, desperately trying to get someone's attention. Nobody came to the door, so she checked the back door. It was locked. Her fingers were getting cold and she was starting to shiver. She took her backpack off and tried climbing up to the lowest window, but she couldn't reach it. She was sure she would be stuck outside for hours. "That will teach me for leaving my keys at home," she thought.

11. Main Idea Guided Reading Skills

Read the following passage and write a statement which gives the main idea of the passage. Can you also write one detail which supports the main idea?

Oscar was feeling nervous. He checked his tie for the tenth time, and once again smoothed down the bit of his hair that always stuck up. He looked at the clock and realized it was finally time to leave. Picking up his bag, Oscar shouted good-bye to his mom and walked slowly down the drive. Today was the day he started high school, a day he had been nervously anticipating for what seemed like a lifetime.

12. Main Idea Guided Reading Skills

Read the following passage and write a statement which gives the main idea of the passage. Can you also write one detail which supports the main idea?

Harry walked miserably down the stairs and sighed at his mom, who was waiting for him. He had been to see the dentist for a routine checkup. Harry had always enjoyed seeing the dentist, but this time his love of sweets – and his dislike of brushing his teeth – had finally caught up with him. He was going to need a filling and he was feeling very anxious about it.

13. Main Idea Guided Reading Skills

Look at this picture – can you write a statement which gives the main idea of the picture? Can you also write one detail which supports the main idea?



Photo courtesy of (Andrew E. Larsen@flickr.com) - granted under creative commons licence - attribution

14. Main Idea Guided Reading Skills

Look at this picture – can you write a statement which gives the main idea of the picture? Can you also write one detail which supports the main idea?



Photo courtesy of (telafree@flickr.com) - granted under creative commons licence - attribution

15. Main Idea Guided Reading Skills

Look at this picture – can you write a statement which gives the main idea of the picture? Can you also write one detail which supports the main idea?



Photo courtesy of (dirkjanranzijn@flickr.com) - granted under creative commons licence - attribution

16. Main Idea Guided Reading Skills

Look at this picture – can you write a statement which gives the main idea of the picture? Can you also write one detail which supports the main idea?



Photo courtesy of (marietta.g (flower_bee)@flickr.com) - granted under creative commons licence - attribution

17. Main Idea Guided Reading Skills

Look at this picture – can you write a statement which gives the main idea of the picture? Can you also write one detail which supports the main idea?



Photo courtesy of (vasilennka@flickr.com) - granted under creative commons licence - attribution

18. Main Idea Guided Reading Skills

Look at this picture – can you write a statement which gives the main idea of the picture? Can you also write one detail which supports the main idea?



Photo courtesy of (monkeypuzzle@flickr.com) - granted under creative commons licence - attribution

19. Main Idea Guided Reading Skills

Look at this picture – can you write a statement which gives the main idea of the picture? Can you also write one detail which supports the main idea?



Photo courtesy of (foilman@flickr.com) - granted under creative commons licence - attribution

20. Main Idea Guided Reading Skills

Look at this picture – can you write a statement which gives the main idea of the picture? Can you also write one detail which supports the main idea?



Photo courtesy of (reynernedia@flickr.com) - granted under creative commons licence - attribution

21. Main Idea Guided Reading Skills

Look at this picture – can you write a statement which gives the main idea of the picture? Can you also write one detail which supports the main idea?



Photo courtesy of (davebloggs007@flickr.com) - granted under creative commons licence - attribution

22. Main Idea Guided Reading Skills

Look at this picture – can you write a statement which gives the main idea of the picture? Can you also write one detail which supports the main idea?



Photo courtesy of (The Knowles Gallery@flickr.com) - granted under creative commons licence - attribution

23. Main Idea Guided Reading Skills

Look at this picture – can you write a statement which gives the main idea of the picture? Can you also write one detail which supports the main idea?



Photo courtesy of (foxypar4@flickr.com) - granted under creative commons licence - attribution

24. Main Idea Guided Reading Skills

Look at this picture – can you write a statement which gives the main idea of the picture? Can you also write one detail which supports the main idea?



Photo courtesy of (reynmedia@flickr.com) - granted under creative commons licence - attribution

The main idea of the passage is...

Holly tidied her room for her party.

Can you say one detail which supports the main idea?

The main idea of the passage is...

Evie didn't like her meal.

Can you say one detail which supports the main idea?

The main idea of the passage is...

Alfie had a vivid dream.

Can you say one detail which supports the main idea?

The main idea of the passage is...

Blizzards are extreme weather events.

Can you say one detail which supports the main idea?

The main idea of the passage is...

Babies need lots of looking after.

Can you say one detail which supports the main idea?

The main idea of the passage is...

Baking is a popular hobby.

Can you say one detail which supports the main idea?

The main idea of the passage is...

You must think carefully before getting a pet.

Can you say one detail which supports the main idea?

The main idea of the passage is...

It is important to avoid spreading germs.

Can you say one detail which supports the main idea?

The main idea of the passage is...

The Titanic was a ship that sank.

Can you say one detail which supports the main idea?

The main idea of the passage is...

Molly was locked out of the house.

Can you say one detail which supports the main idea?

The main idea of the passage is...

Oscar was nervous about starting his new school.

Can you say one detail which supports the main idea?

The main idea of the passage is...

Harry needs a filling.

Can you say one detail which supports the main idea?

The main idea of this picture is...

The man has climbed a mountain.

Can you say one detail which supports the main idea?

The main idea of this picture is...

There has been a very heavy snowfall.

Can you say one detail which supports the main idea?

The main idea of this picture is...

The clown is surrounded by bubbles.

Can you say one detail which supports the main idea?

The main idea of this picture is...

A man is driving a horse and cart along the road.

Can you say one detail which supports the main idea?

The main idea of this picture is...

It is raining heavily.

Can you say one detail which supports the main idea?

The main idea of this picture is...

The girl is in a swimming pool.

Can you say one detail which supports the main idea?

The main idea of this picture is...

The boy is feeding a goat.

Can you say one detail which supports the main idea?

The main idea of this picture is...

The rocket is blasting off into space.

Can you say one detail which supports the main idea?

The main idea of this picture is...

A canoe is traveling along a river.

Can you say one detail which supports the main idea?

The main idea of this picture is...

Hot air balloons are high in the sky.

Can you say one detail which supports the main idea?

The main idea of this picture is...

The boat is sinking.

Can you say one detail which supports the main idea?

The main idea of this picture is...

The baby is not happy on Santa's knee.

Can you say one detail which supports the main idea?

Card Number	Main Idea	Example details to support. Other answers acceptable as long as they also support the main idea.
1	Holly tidied her room for her party.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • She needed to clear up space for more gifts. • She put all of her toys in different baskets and lined her cars and trains up around the room.
2	Evie didn't like her meal.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evie looked at her plate in disgust. • There was yucky cucumber and lettuce.
3	Alfie had a vivid dream.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He jumped when he woke up and his heart was pounding.
4	Blizzards are extreme weather events.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schools and places of work are often closed during blizzards. • People tend to not travel during a blizzard as it is dangerous.
5	Babies need lots of looking after.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Babies need feeding and their nappies changing every two or three hours. • Parents of newborns are often tired.
6	Baking is a popular hobby.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Baking television shows have a large audience.
7	You must think carefully before getting a pet.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some people choose the wrong pet and don't enjoy looking after it.
8	It is important to avoid spreading germs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It's easy for germs to spread and for others to become sick.
9	The Titanic was a ship that sank.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is famous for sinking on its maiden voyage in April 1912. • It was supposed to be unsinkable.
10	Molly was locked out of the house.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Molly left her keys at home. • She tried to climb in the lower window but couldn't reach.
11	Oscar was nervous about starting his new school.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oscar kept checking his tie and smoothing his hair.

Card Number	Main Idea	Example details to support. Other answers acceptable as long as they also support the main idea.
12	Harry needs a filling.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Harry likes eating sweets and doesn't like brushing his teeth.
13	The man has climbed a mountain.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The clouds in the background show how high he is.
14	There has been a very heavy snowfall.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The snow on the ground covers the bottom half of the car's wheels.
15	The clown is surrounded by bubbles.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are bubbles of all sizes in the background.
16	A man is driving a horse and cart along the road.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The man is talking to someone as he rides.
17	It is raining heavily.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The girl is using an umbrella. • The rain drops are splashing on the ground.
18	The girl is in a swimming pool.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The girl is wearing goggles and snorkel. • She is wearing armbands.
19	The boy is feeding a goat.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The boy is holding out his hand and the goat is sniffing it.
20	The rocket is blasting off into space.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The blast behind the rocket is propelling it forwards.
21	A canoe is traveling along a river.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The person is rowing with their oars.
22	Hot air balloons are high in the sky.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The balloons are higher than the trees and the building.
23	The boat is sinking.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The boat has tipped to the side and water covers what was the deck.
24	The baby is not happy on Santa's knee.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The baby is crying while Santa holds him.