

Main Ideas and Supporting Details



Use the matching sheet ID when checking answers.

Use the material to work through each task. Show the requested response.

1. What is the passage mostly about?

Look for:

- Names the passage's main subject; exact title wording is unnecessary.

One possible response: A Garden Changes

2. Copy one detail that supports the main topic.

Look for:

- Uses a detail from the passage.

One possible response: They measure plants as they grow.

3. State the main idea in one sentence.

Look for:

- Describes the whole passage rather than one small detail.

One possible response: A school garden provides many ways to learn.

4. What does observe mean in this passage?

Answer: watch carefully

5. Explain how one detail supports the main idea.

Look for:

- Uses a relevant detail.
- Explains its connection.

One possible response: They measure plants as they grow. supports the passage because it gives an example of the main idea.

6. Write a two-sentence summary.

Look for:

- Keeps the main idea.
- Avoids unrelated opinions.

One possible response: States the main idea and one or two important details.

Open responses use criteria and an illustrative response. Other well-supported responses can be acceptable.