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1. Topic or detail?

Read the English paragraph. Explain in either language.

> A dog needs fresh water each day. Its owner gives it food. Walks help the dog get exercise.

1. Is the paragraph mostly about a dog's color or caring for a dog?

2. Name one care action.

3. Does the text tell the dog's color?

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2. Choose an idea that fits all details

Ask: do most sentences help explain this idea?

A library helps people learn. People can borrow books there. They can find information for a project. A library also offers a quiet place to read.

1. Choose: A) Libraries help people in several ways. B) Every library book is about birds.

2. Copy or tell two supporting details.

3. Why does B not fit?

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3. Find the garden paragraph's main idea

Write a sentence broad enough for the whole paragraph.

A school garden is a place to learn. Students measure how tall plants grow. They watch insects visit flowers. They record changes in a notebook.

1. What is the main idea?

2. Name two details supporting your idea.

3. Is "a ruler can be long" a supporting detail from this text?

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4. Replace a narrow main idea

Compare the proposed main idea with every sentence.

> The family is getting ready to move. They pack books in boxes. They wrap cups so the cups will not break. They make a list of things to take.

1. A reader says the main idea is "There are boxes." Why is it too narrow?

2. Write a better main idea.

3. Add a new detail that would fit. Label it as your own idea.

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5. Main idea plus evidence

Write one main idea and two supporting details.

> Our class keeps the room ready for learning. We return books to the shelf. We wipe the tables. We put pencils in a cup so they are easy to find.

1. What is the main idea?

2. Give two supporting details.

3. Would "all pencils are yellow" fit as the main idea? Why?

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Learning goal

State what a short informational paragraph is mostly about and select relevant details.

Before assigning

Identify one detail in a short paragraph; read aloud if decoding obscures comprehension.

Suggested use

Use across three short sessions: start check and supported practice; independent practice and application; exit check and discussion. Allow about 15-20 minutes per session and adjust to readiness.

Choose support

If the start check is difficult, model with objects or read aloud, then retry a parallel example. If it is comfortable, move to independent practice. Do not use a single score as a mastery label.

Watch for

A main idea covers the paragraph; a single interesting detail may be too narrow.

Review the exit check

Look for an accurate response plus a relevant explanation or model. Revisit the supported page when the explanation is missing. Offer a new example when the learner can explain independently.

Language and review scope

Original practice with editorial and automated checks; no independent specialist review is claimed. In reading packs, English passages remain English in the Chinese support edition.

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Match the stage and question number to the student sheet.

1. Topic or detail?

1. Caring for a dog.
2. Give water, feed, or walk the dog.
3. No.

2. Choose an idea that fits all details

1. A
2. Borrow books, find information, or use a quiet place to read.
3. The text does not say all books are about birds.

3. Find the garden paragraph's main idea

1. A school garden offers several ways to learn.
2. Measuring plants, observing insects, recording changes. Any two.
3. No; it is not stated and does not explain the learning opportunities.

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4. Replace a narrow main idea

1. Boxes are one detail; the paragraph describes several preparations for a move.
2. The family prepares for moving day.
3. For example, they label each box. Must relate to moving preparations, not claim it is in the text.

5. Main idea plus evidence

1. The class keeps its room ready for learning.
2. Return books, wipe tables, put pencils in a cup. Any two.
3. No; it is not in the text and does not cover the room-care actions.