

RI.3.2 Analyze informational text development. a. Determine the main idea of a text. b. Retell the key details and explain how they support the main idea. (2017)

Determine the main idea of a text; recount the key details and explain how they support the main idea.(2010)

SP2024.Q7

 **SP2024.3rd Prompt1.pdf**

What is the main idea in Passage 1?

- ☐ Ⓐ Students can help design school gardens.
- ☐ Ⓑ Healthy salads are good for school lunches.
- ☐ Ⓒ Growing school gardens is the best way to teach the life cycle of plants.
- ☐ Ⓓ School gardens can have a positive effect on the school and the students.

SP2023.Q9

 **SP2023.3rdPrompt1**

This question has two parts. First, answer Part A. Then, answer Part B.

Part A

What is the main idea of Passage 1?

- ☐ Ⓐ An important bison reserve is located in Montana.
- ☐ Ⓑ Native American tribes used all parts of the bison they killed.
- ☐ Ⓒ The Bronx Zoo brought a bison herd to New York for people to see.
- ☐ Ⓓ Many people have worked together to save the bison from extinction.

Part B

Which detail from the text supports the main idea in Part A?

- ☐ Ⓐ "In a way, the sixteen bison were going home." (paragraph 2)
- ☐ Ⓑ "For hundreds of years the Native Americans had lived alongside the bison." (paragraph 5)
- ☐ Ⓒ "The largest free ranging herd, numbering around 4,000 bison, lives in Yellowstone National Park." (paragraph 7)
- ☐ Ⓓ "About 20,000 wild bison live in national parks and National Wildlife Refuges, areas where they are protected by the government." (paragraph 7)

SP2022.Q12

 **SP2022.3rdPrompt1.pdf**

This question has two parts. First, answer Part A. Then, answer Part B.

Part A

What is a main idea in **both** passages?

- Ⓐ Bees can be trained.
- Ⓑ Bees are hard workers.
- Ⓒ Life in a beehive is difficult.
- Ⓓ Bees are most active in the summer.

Part B

How do the authors of **both** passages support this main idea?

- Ⓐ They both describe the ways bees can be trained.
- Ⓑ They both describe the many jobs that bees do.
- Ⓒ They both describe the types of bees found in a colony.
- Ⓓ They both describe activities of bees during the different seasons.

SP2021.Q1

 **SP2021.3RDPROMPT1.pdf**

What is the main idea of Passage 1?

- Ⓐ Some animals follow each other's scents.
- Ⓑ Animals use the stars to guide them home.
- Ⓒ Some animals travel farther than others to find food.
- Ⓓ Animals have special skills that help them find their way.


SP2017.Q6

 **SP2017.3rdPrompt1.pdf**

What is a main idea of Passage 2?

- Ⓐ Caterpillars go through many steps to become butterflies.
- Ⓑ Butterflies carefully decide where to lay their eggs.
- Ⓒ Caterpillars must eat all the time to grow quickly.
- Ⓓ Butterflies have to practice for their first flight.

SP2016.Q5

 **SP2016.3rd1-5Prompt.pdf**

This question has two parts. First, answer Part A. Then, answer Part B.

Part A

What is the main idea of the passage?

- A) Jane Goodall likes chimpanzees.
- B) Jane Goodall is good at watching animals.
- C) Jane Goodall wants to go study more animals in the wild.
- D) Jane Goodall gathered important information by watching chimpanzees.

Part B

Click on the detail from the excerpt below that supports your answer in Part A.

- 1 Jane Goodall knows how to watch. For more than 40 years, she has watched a group of chimpanzees in Gombe National Park in Africa. What she has seen has changed the way scientists think about animals—and people.
- 2 Jane was 26 years old when she first went to Gombe. It was 1960, and no one had ever studied chimpanzees in the wild. Jane’s plan was simple. She would travel to Africa and find some chimpanzees. Then she would sit quietly and watch them go about their lives.

PR.Q9

 **Practice.3rdPrompt2.pdf**

This question has two parts. First, answer Part A. Then, answer Part B.

Part A

What is the main idea of Passage 1?

- Ⓐ Wild birds should be kept outside.
- Ⓑ It is important to keep birds warm.
- Ⓒ Young birds need to learn how to fly.
- Ⓓ Always be careful when you help a bird.

Part B

Which sentence helps develop the main idea in Part A?

- Ⓐ "The bird seems alone and unable to fly." (paragraph 1)
- Ⓑ "First, find an adult to help you." (paragraph 2)
- Ⓒ "If yes, it's a fledgling and ready to be out of a nest." (paragraph 3)
- Ⓓ "Have fun watching, but remember it's illegal to keep wildlife as pets." (paragraph 4)