

## Puppet Pals Vocabulary Adventure: Main Idea Edition

### Learning Target:

*"I can use my vocabulary words to create and act out a fun story in Puppet Pals."*

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### Step 1: Getting Started (You Got This!)

#### Open Puppet Pals:

- Grab your iPad and open the Puppet Pals app.
- Choose at least **two characters**—maybe a student and a teacher, or two classmates.
- Select a backdrop that fits your story—a **classroom, school library, or reading nook**.

#### Look at Your Words:

These are your vocabulary words:

♦ **main idea, supporting details, topic sentence, summary, evidence, paragraph, text structure, informational text**

 Write the words down or keep them open on your screen!

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### Step 2: Plan Your Scene (Use This Guide!)

Use this format to help guide your story planning:

- **Circumstances:** What's going on in your story?  
*Example: Two students are working on identifying the main idea of an informational text.*
- **Consults:** Who do they ask for help?  
*Example: They ask their teacher or a classmate who's really good at finding supporting details.*
- **Consideration:** What will they think carefully about?  
*Example: How to find the topic sentence that tells the main idea.*
- **Expectations:** What did one character expect to happen?  
*Example: The student expected it to be easy, but it was harder to find evidence from the*

text.

- **Destiny:** Does one character feel this is what they're meant to learn?  
*Example: A student believes it's their reading destiny to master informational text skills!*
  - **Presence:** How does someone entering the scene change the mood?  
*Example: A substitute teacher enters with a silly story and helps them understand text structure in a fun way.*
  - **Reveal:** What new info or tool helps them succeed?  
*Example: The teacher shows them how to use a highlighter to mark supporting details.*
  - **Unsure:** What is one character confused about?  
*Example: A student isn't sure if the topic sentence always comes first in a paragraph.*
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### **Step 3: Write Short Sentences (Use These Starters!)**

Act your story out using short, fun lines. Here are some sentence starters:

- "Given the circumstances, we need to find the main idea of this paragraph!"
  - "Let's consult our notes and look for the topic sentence."
  - "After careful consideration, I think the summary should include this supporting detail."
  - "My expectations were that reading informational text would be easy—but it takes thinking!"
  - "I believe it's my reading destiny to conquer paragraphs like a pro."
  - "Her presence helped me understand what text structure really means!"
  - "I have to reveal something... I actually love nonfiction texts!"
  - "I'm still unsure about where to find the evidence to prove the main idea."
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### **Step 4: Practice (Here's How!)**

**Rehearse by Yourself:**

- Read your sentences out loud. Does it sound like a conversation?
- Make sure it flows like a story.

**Action Time!**

- Move your characters in Puppet Pals while saying your lines.
- Add emotions—confused, proud, surprised, excited—whatever fits your scene!