

What's the MAIN IDEA?

Practice this difficult concept with a variety of activities, ranging from easy to more difficult.

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Grouping Words

Pages 3-12

Students practice main idea by sorting words into groups and deciding on a title for each of the groups.

Make sure students understand that the title is the topic or main idea, while the grouped words are supporting details.

What's the MAIN IDEA?

Cut each of the words out, and sort the words into 3 different groups. Glue the groups onto your other paper. Come up with an appropriate title for each of the groups.

pineapple	quarterback	referee
helmet	plum	eyelash
lemon	fingernail	huddle
touchdown	cherry	thigh
elbow	ankle	kiwi
grape	punt	shoulder
pear	earlobe	field goal
fumble	knuckle	mango

What's the MAIN IDEA?

Glue each of your groups below. Come up with a title for each of the groups.

title

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dentist	orange juice	bracelet
Dr. Pepper	toothpaste	molar
pearls	ring	water
milk	floss	lemonade
cavity	pendant	anklet
gums	toothbrush	iced tea
earring	diamond	plaque
necklace	coffee	hot chocolate

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sweeping	shark	seahorse
jumping jacks	push-ups	mop
whale	squid	stretch
vacuum	sit-ups	rinse
jog	laundry	dishwasher
eel	lunges	jellyfish
dusting	scrub	octopus
bicycling	walrus	weightlifting

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title

title

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What's the MAIN IDEA?

Answer
Key

Glue each of your groups below. Come up with a title for each of the groups.

fruit

football

body parts

title

title

title

pineapple

quarterback

eyelash

plum

referee

fingernail

lemon

helmet

thigh

cherry

huddle

elbow

kiwi

touchdown

ankle

grape

punt

shoulder

pear

field goal

earlobe

mango

fumble

knuckle

What's the MAIN IDEA?

Answer
Key

Glue each of your groups below. Come up with a title for each of the groups.

teeth

drinks

jewelry

title

title

title

dentist

orange juice

bracelet

toothpaste

Dr. Pepper

pearls

molar

water

ring

floss

milk

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hot chocolate

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What's the MAIN IDEA?

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Key

Glue each of your groups below. Come up with a title for each of the groups.

cleaning

ocean animals

exercise

title

title

title

sweeping

shark

jumping jacks

mop

seahorse

push-ups

vacuum

whale

stretch

rinse

squid

sit-ups

laundry

eel

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Web Graphic Organizer

Pages 13-22

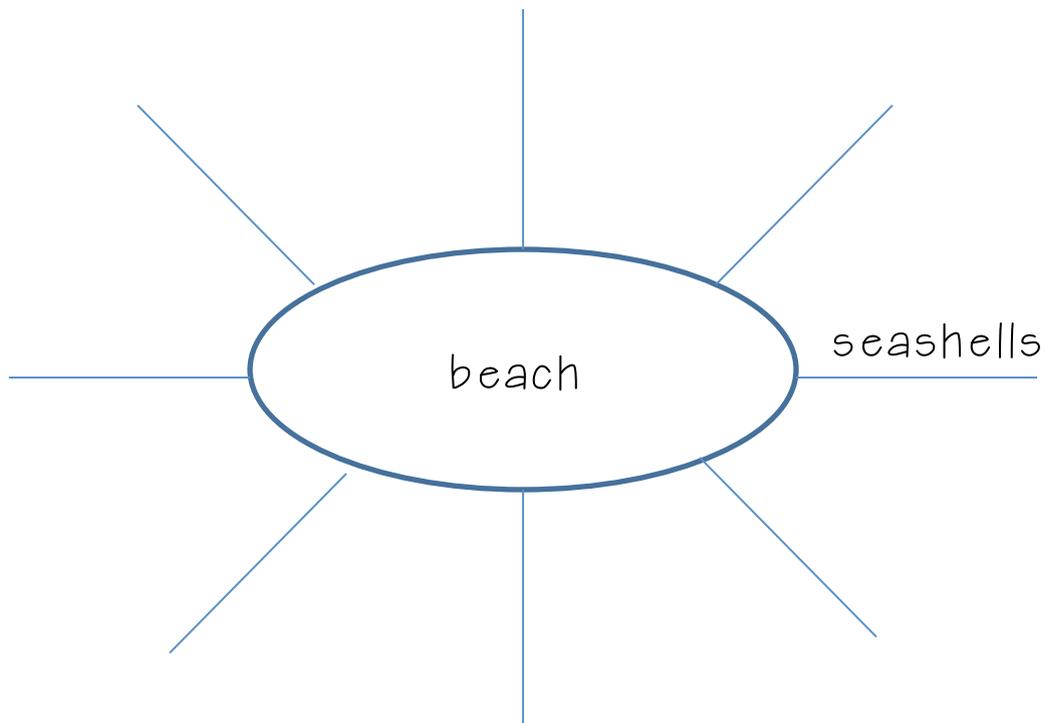
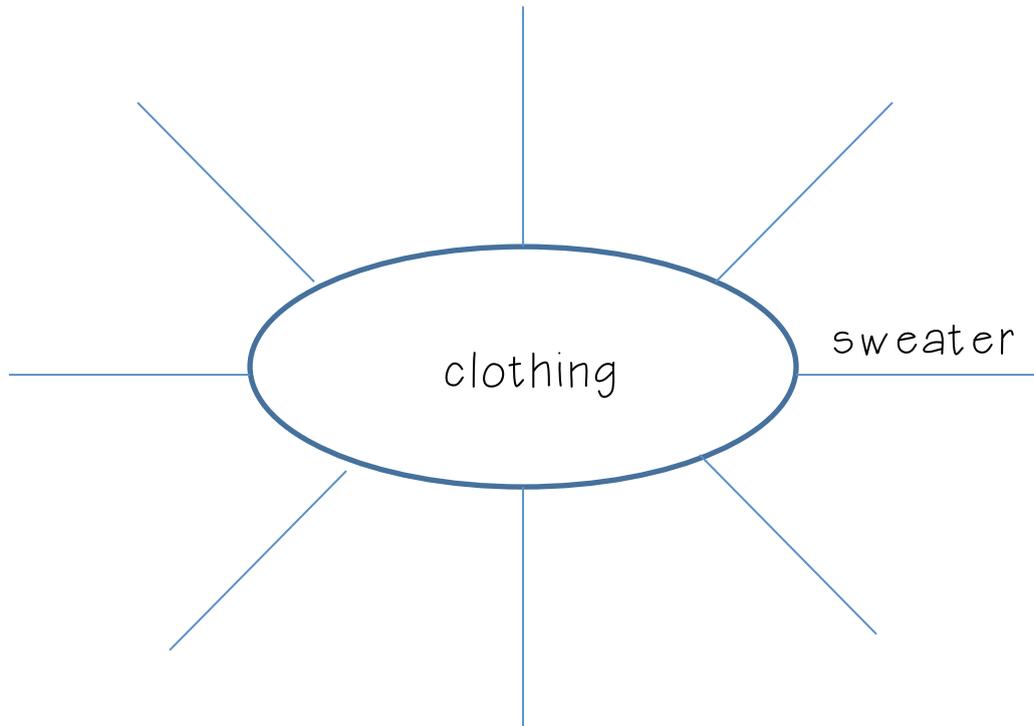
Students practice main idea using a web graphic organizer in a variety of ways.

1. Students are given the main idea and have to come up with supporting details.
2. Students are given supporting details and have to come up with the main idea.
3. Students are given several related words and have to determine which word represents the main idea.

There is no answer key for pages 14-15 because answers will vary according to the student!

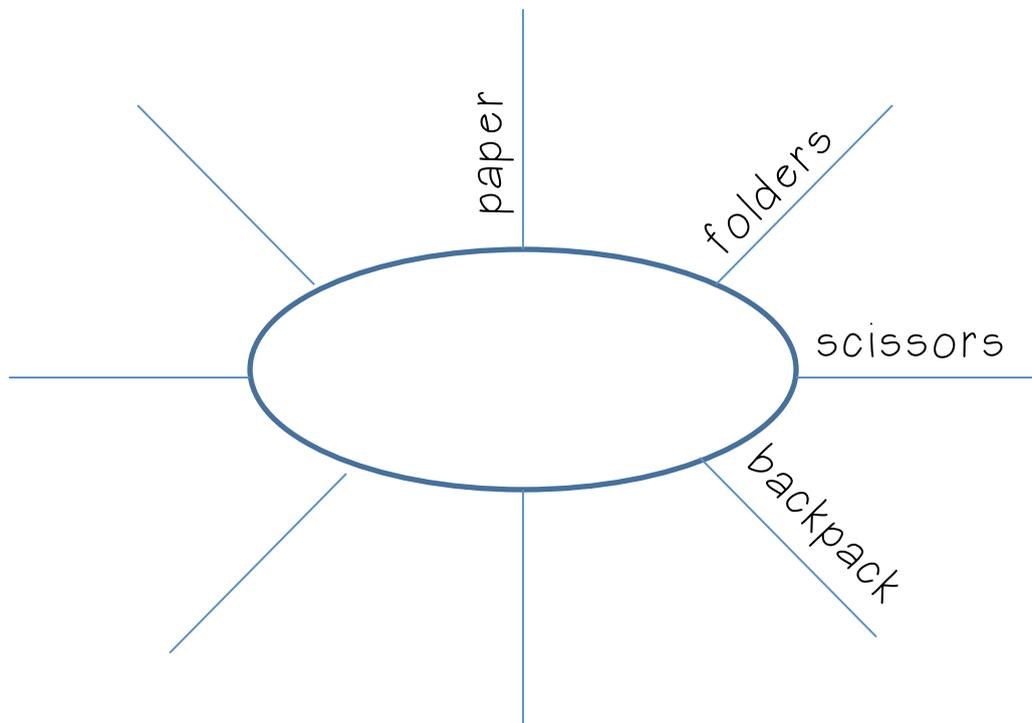
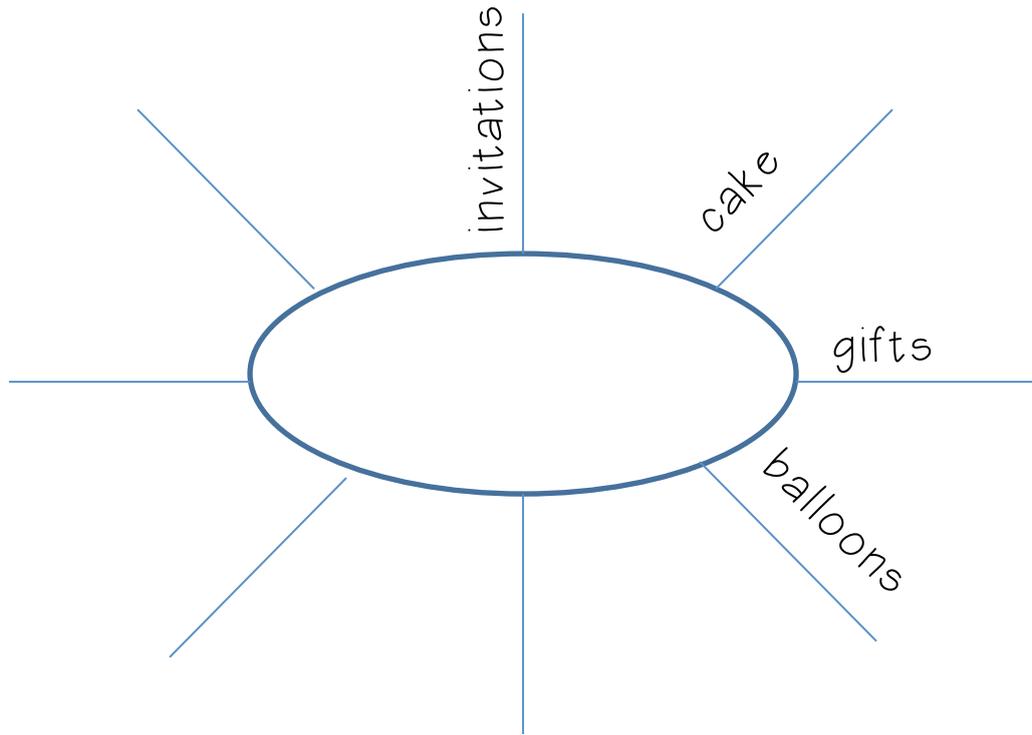
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The main idea is given. Come up with details that support the main idea! An example is given.

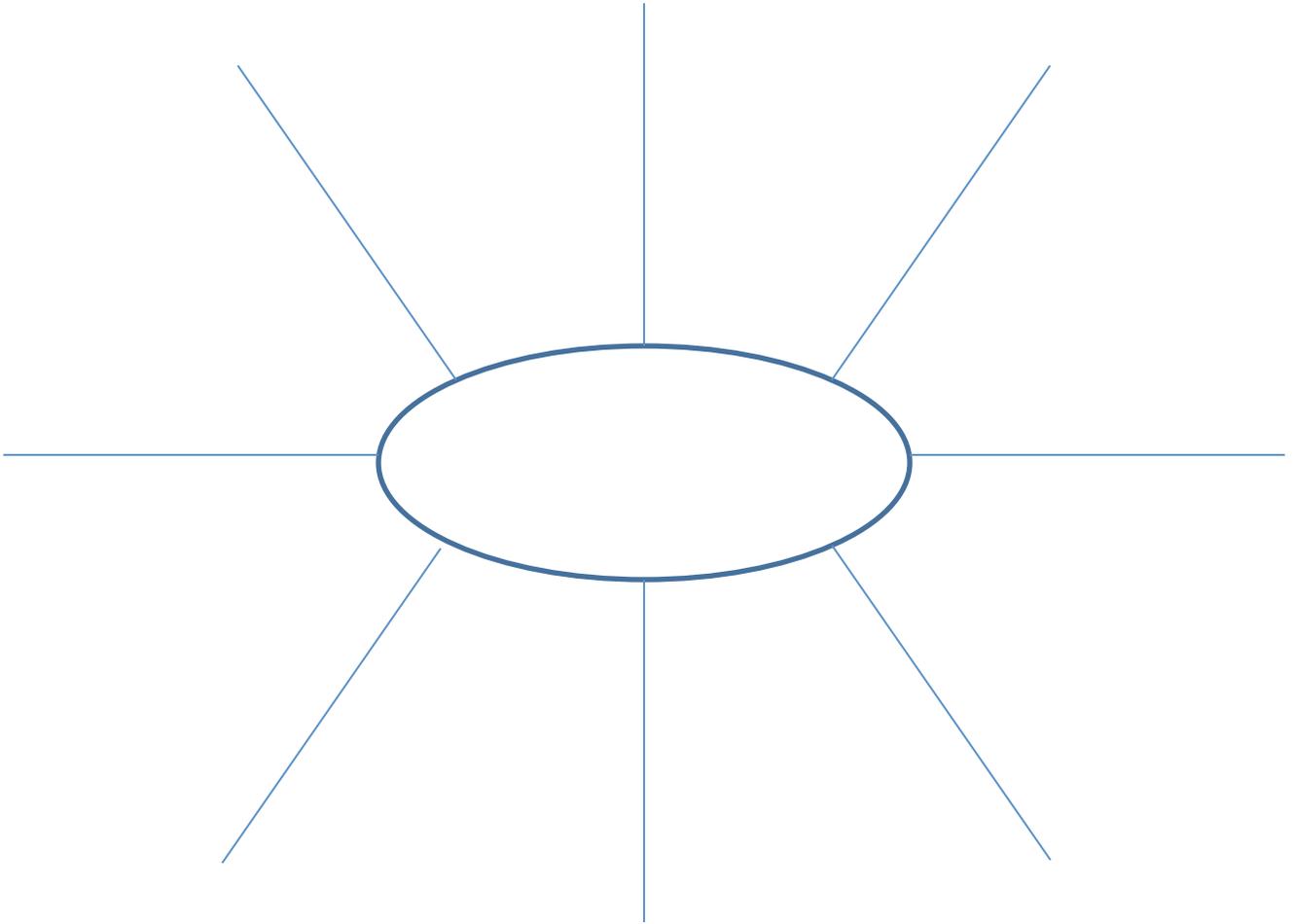


What's the MAIN IDEA?

Some supporting details are given. Come up with the main idea and the rest of the supporting details!



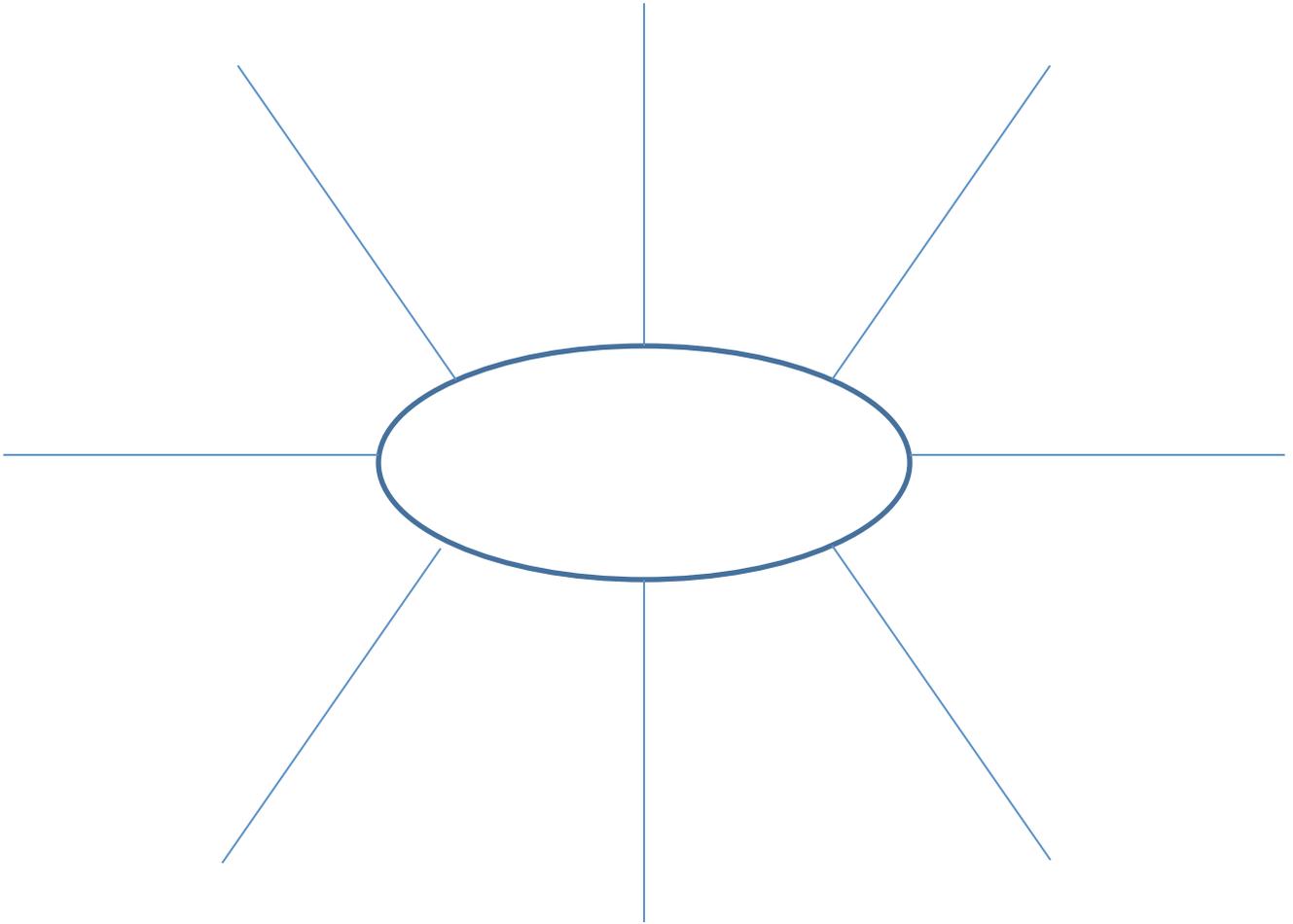
What's the MAIN IDEA?



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2. The main idea belongs in the center of the web. The supporting details belong around the center of the web.

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gymnastics	handstand	back handspring
Splits	uneven bars	straddle

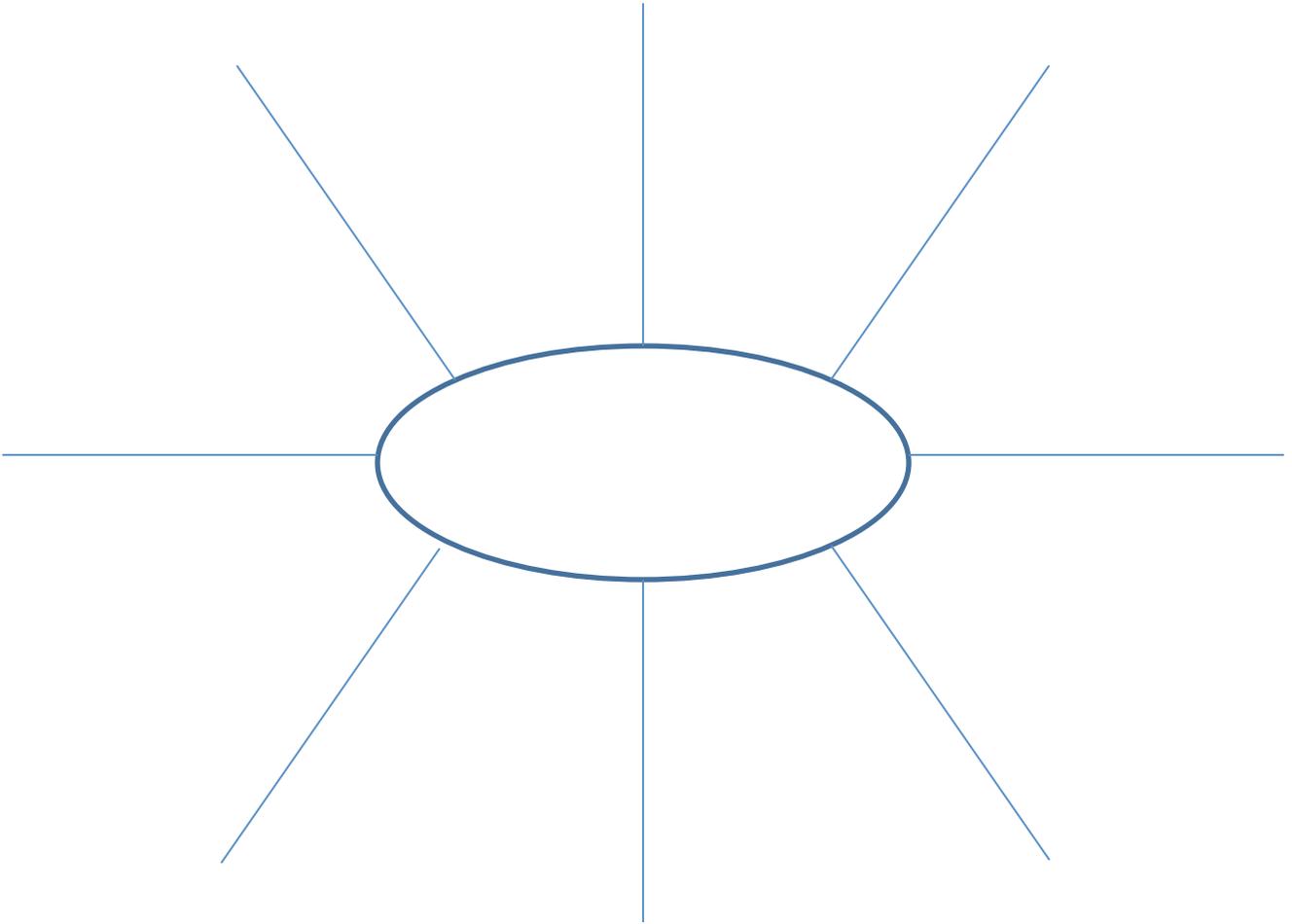
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dandelions	sunflowers	carnations

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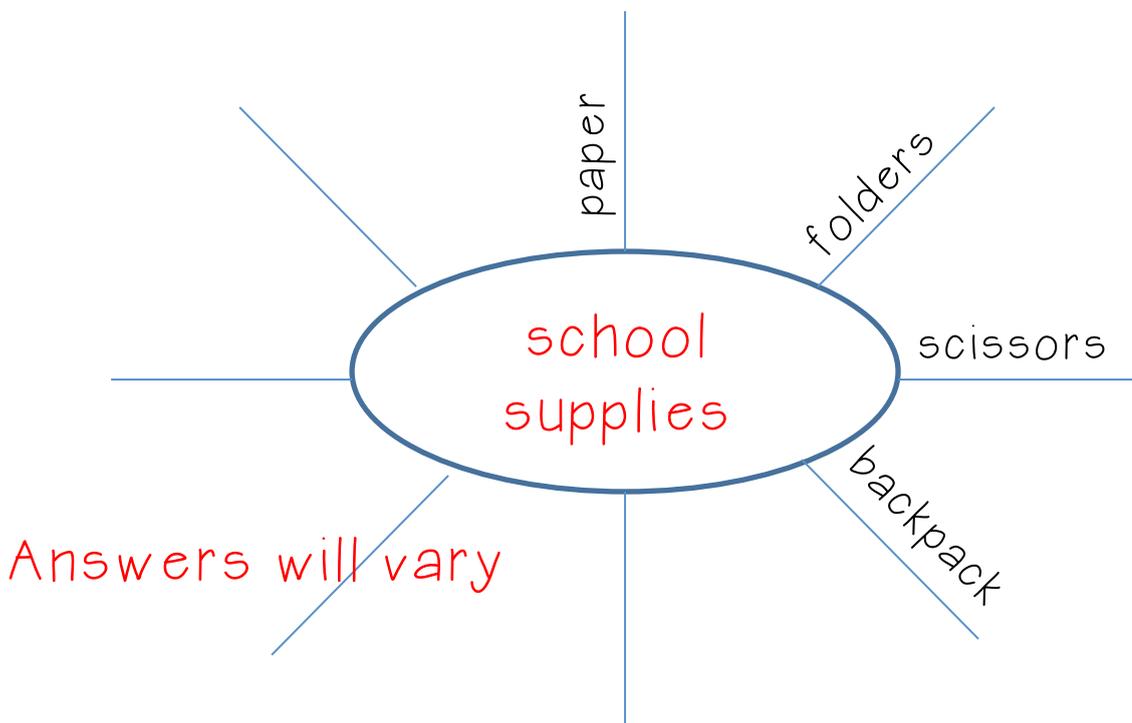
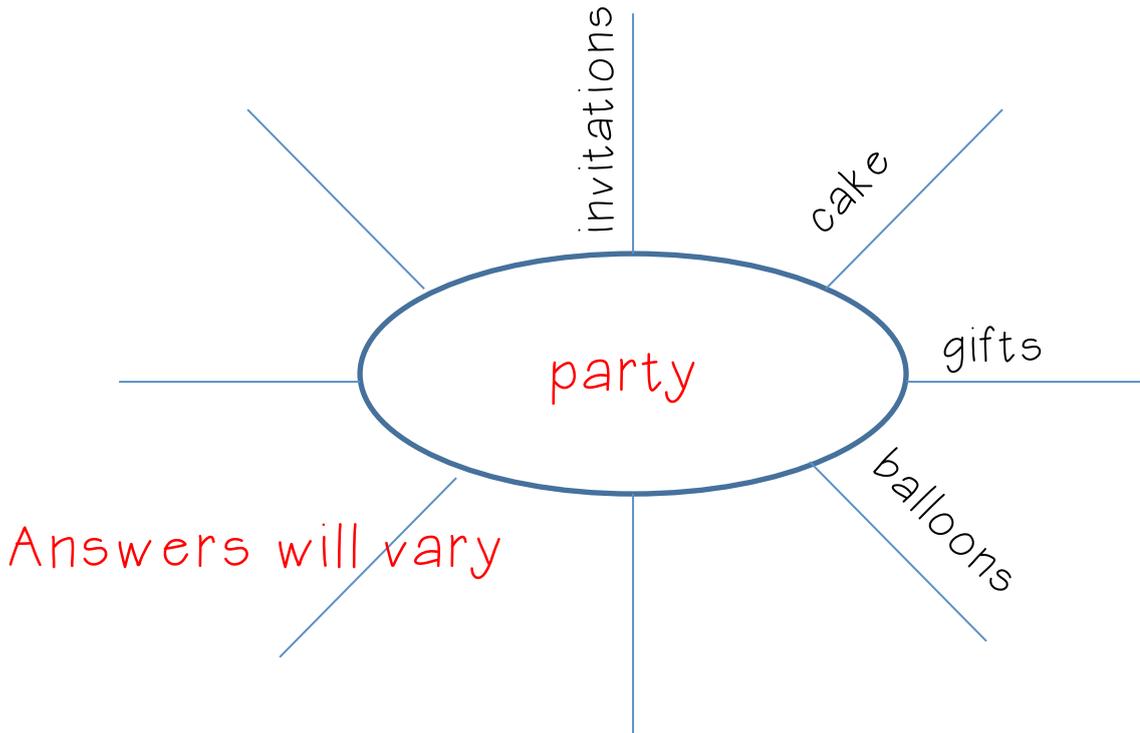
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clogs	shoes	ballet flats

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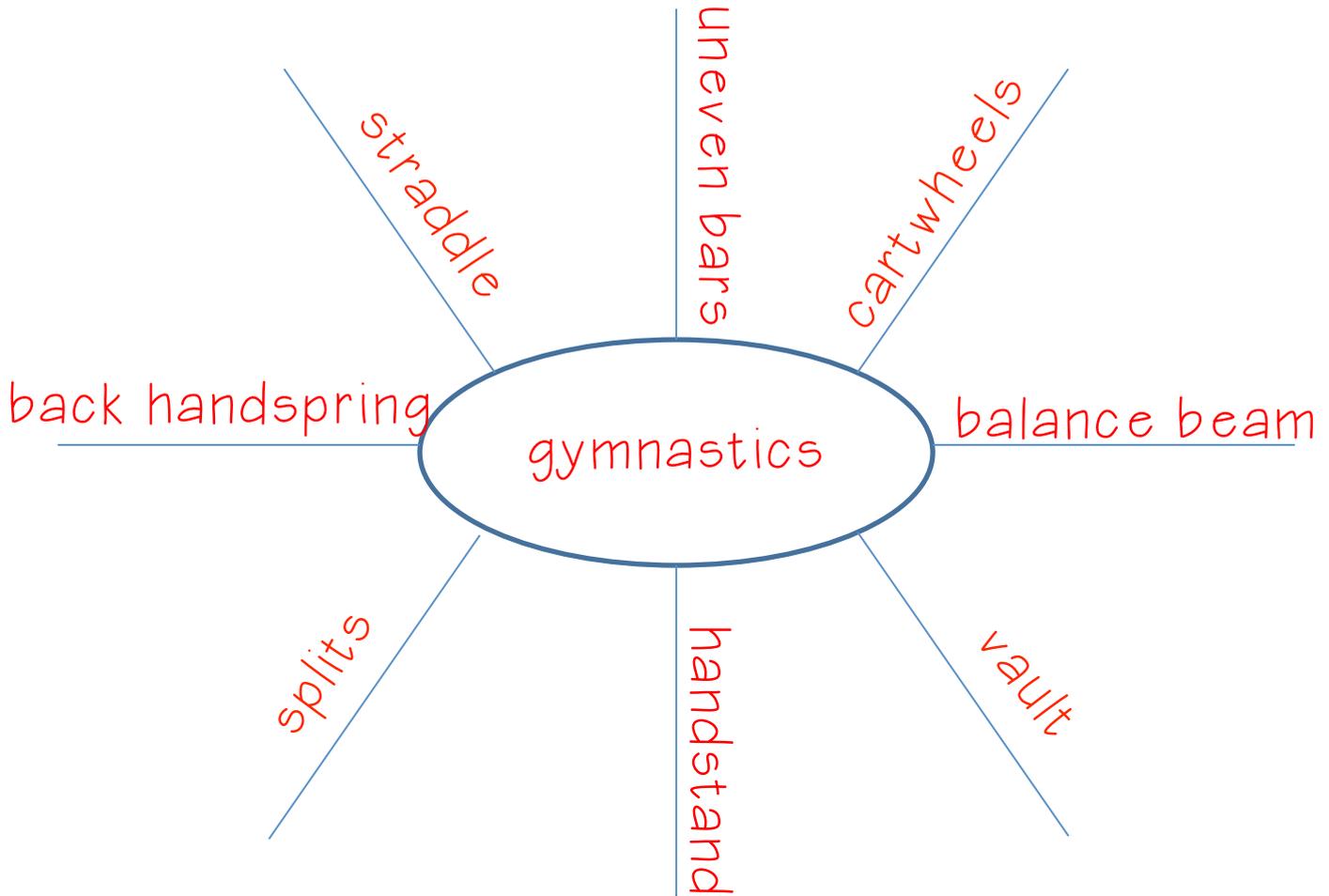
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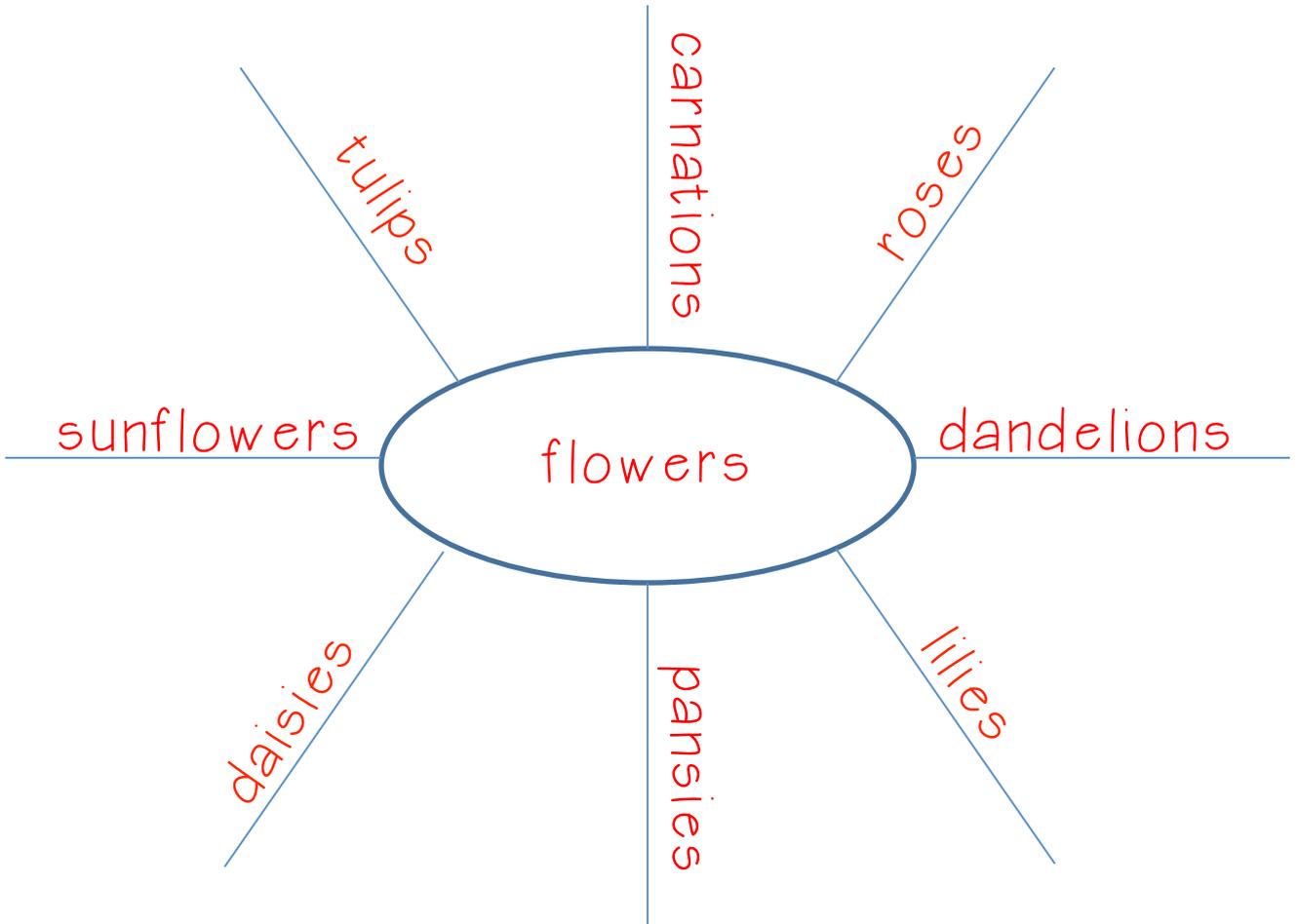


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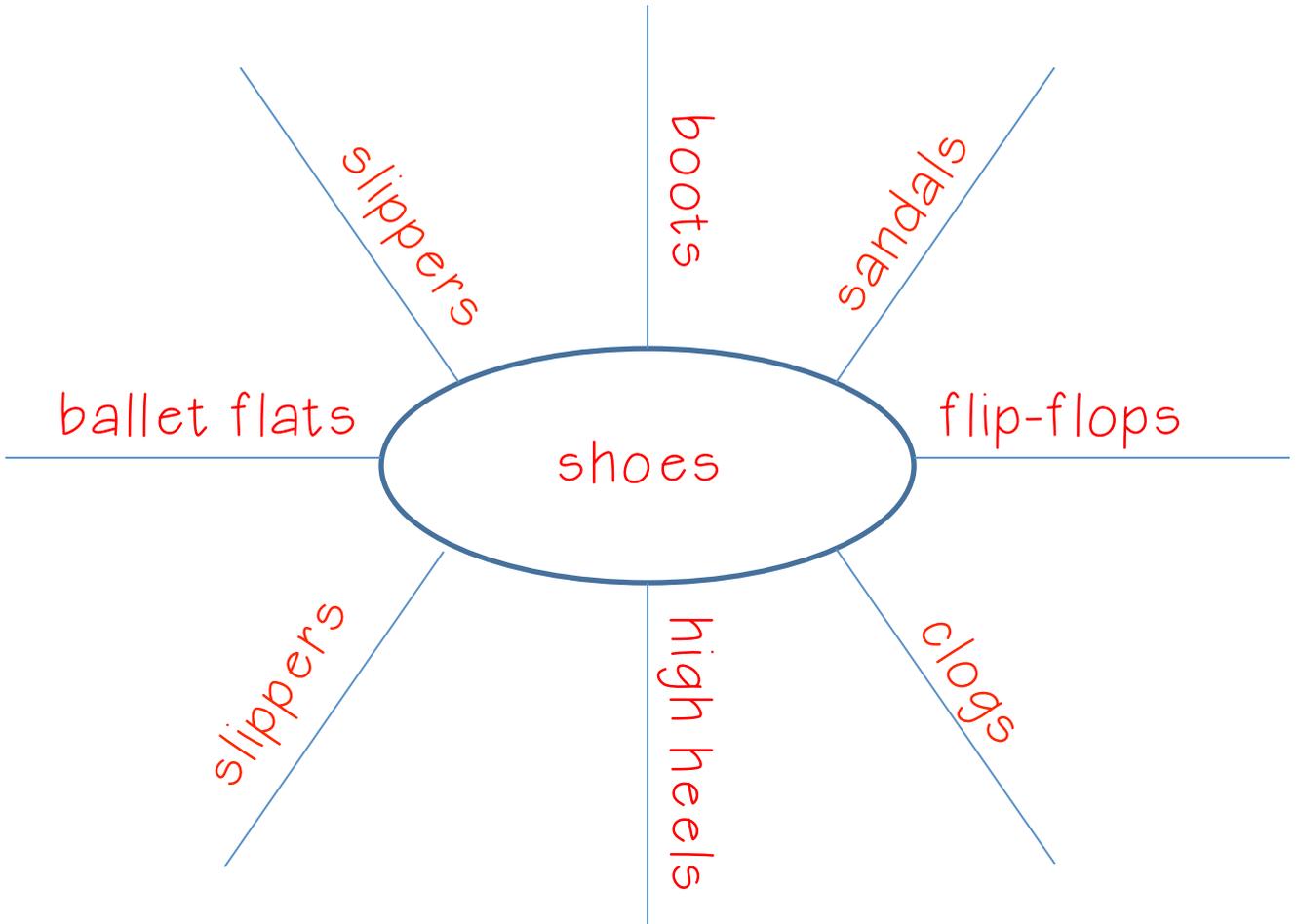


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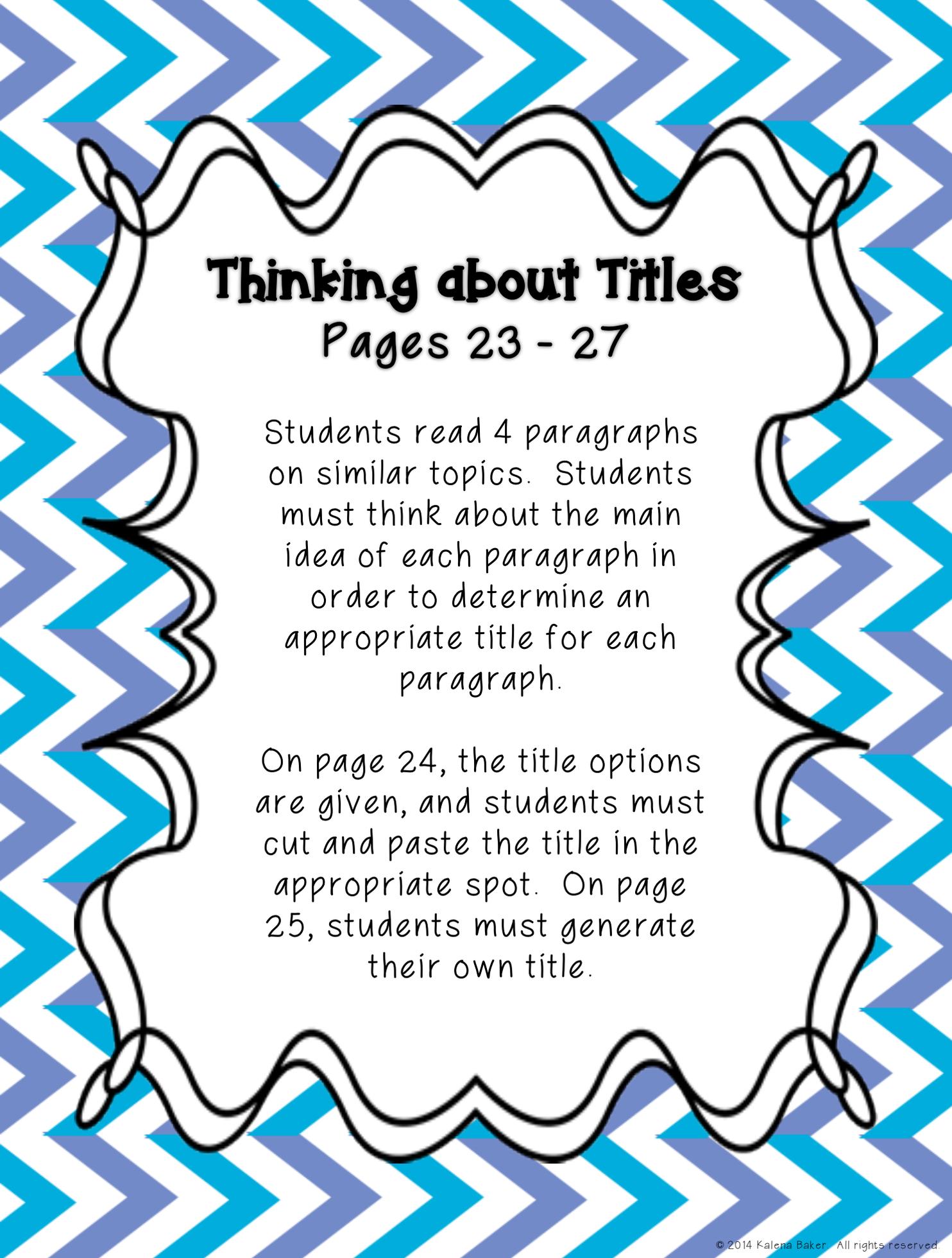
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Thinking about Titles

Pages 23 - 27

Students read 4 paragraphs on similar topics. Students must think about the main idea of each paragraph in order to determine an appropriate title for each paragraph.

On page 24, the title options are given, and students must cut and paste the title in the appropriate spot. On page 25, students must generate their own title.

What's the MAIN IDEA?

Read the paragraphs below. Cut out the titles at the bottom of the page, and then match them to the appropriate paragraph.

Kitchens usually contain a variety of different appliances. Toasters are useful when you are eating a bagel or sliced bread. Soups are often made in slow cookers. Coffee lovers will usually have a coffee maker on their countertop.

Cooking in the kitchen can be fun, but it can also be dangerous. In order to stay safe in the kitchen, you should take some precautions. Blenders, food processors, and knives all have sharp edges and should be treated carefully. Also, food and pans that come out of the oven will be very hot and should be taken out with an oven mitt.

People have not always had refrigerators in their kitchen. Before there were refrigerators, people used ice or snow to cool their food. Some people kept food cold for long periods of time by storing it underground and packed in ice. Iceboxes, wooden boxes packed with ice and insulating materials, used to be very common. Now, most people use the modern refrigerator to keep food cool.

Vegetables can be cooked in the kitchen in a variety of ways. A popular method for cooking vegetables is called steaming. Steaming vegetables is healthier than boiling or roasting vegetables because it helps lock in nutrients. Asparagus, carrots, and green beans are all excellent when steamed.

Steaming Vegetables	History of the Refrigerator
Kitchen Safety	Kitchen Appliances

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Read the paragraphs below. Think about the main idea. Then, write an appropriate title for each of the paragraphs.

Labrador retrievers are very popular dogs. They are friendly, loyal, and eager to please. Also, Labradors are very intelligent and are very easy to train. Because of this, Labradors are sometimes used as guide dogs, rescue dogs, and as a helper while hunting. A Labrador is a great type of dog to have as a pet.

Before you get a dog, there are a lot of factors to consider. Dogs need to be fed regularly. Furthermore, dogs need a lot of positive attention either through walks or playing. If you want a dog, you should contemplate whether or not you will have the time and money to take care of all of a dog's needs.

Although many people love having a dog as a pet, there are some adults and children that are very frightened of dogs. Sometimes people are afraid of dogs because they have had a bad experience in the past, like being bitten or growled at by a dog. Having an irrational fear of dogs is called cynophobia. It is possible to get over a fear of dogs, but it is difficult.

Many dogs are domesticated and live with humans. However, there are some dogs that roam wild. One such dog is called the African wild dog. Some people call these dogs painted dogs because their coat is made of patches of red, yellow, black, brown, and white. These dogs roam the African plains. They hunt for larger prey like antelope in packs of six or more. Unfortunately, these dogs are endangered.

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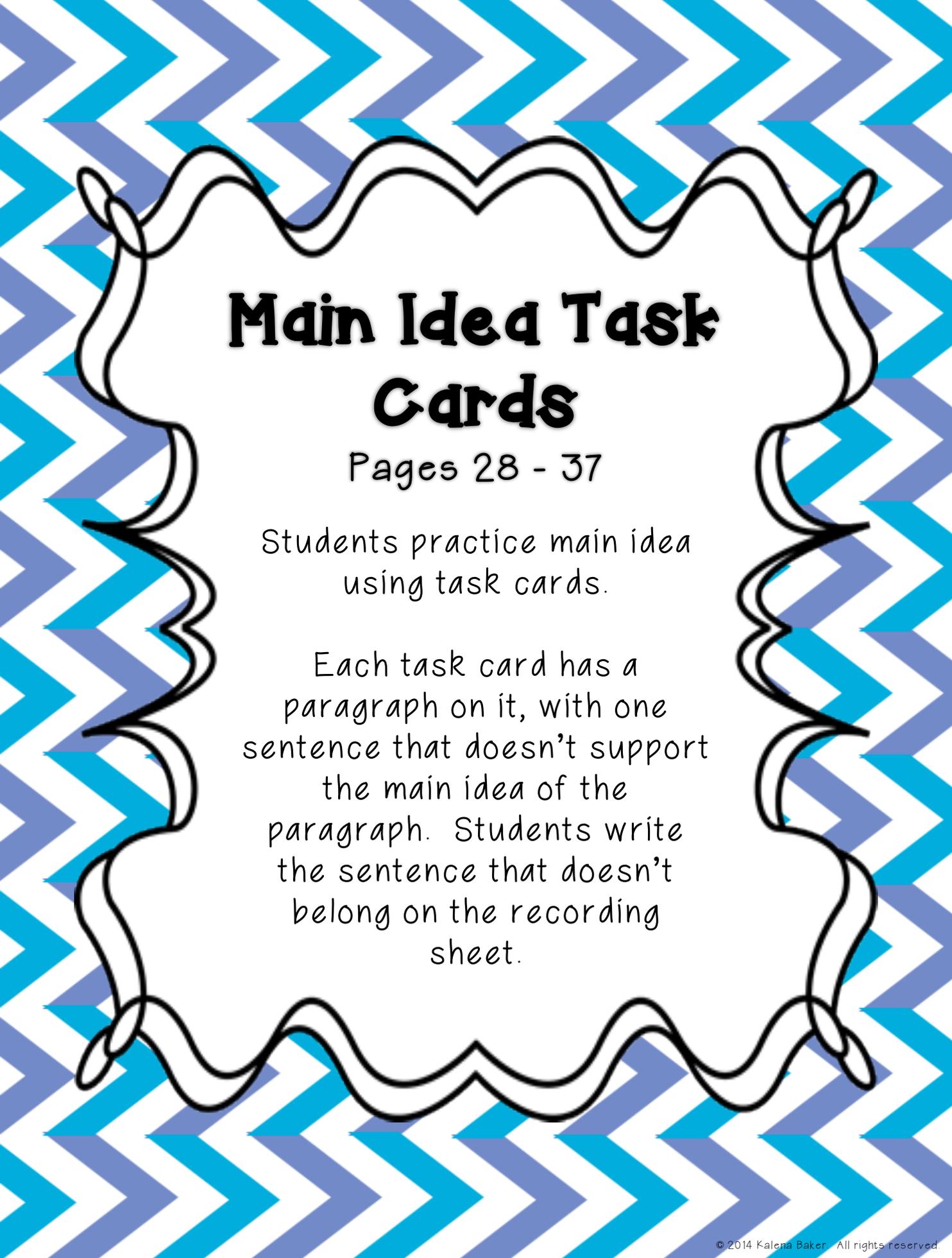
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Main Idea Task Cards

Pages 28 - 37

Students practice main idea
using task cards.

Each task card has a
paragraph on it, with one
sentence that doesn't support
the main idea of the
paragraph. Students write
the sentence that doesn't
belong on the recording
sheet.

Main Idea

Find the sentence that doesn't belong!

Women's gymnastics is a very popular sport to watch during the Olympics. The girls compete on 4 different events – uneven bars, balance beam, vault, and floor. Men's gymnastics has six different events. While the women's floor routine is to music, the uneven bars, balance beam, and vault are not to music.

1

Main Idea

Find the sentence that doesn't belong!

Many different shapes are considered quadrilaterals. A quadrilateral is any shape that has 4 sides. A quadrangle is any shape that has 4 angles. Squares, rectangles, rhombi, and trapezoids are some examples of quadrilaterals. Pentagons, hexagons, and octagons are not considered quadrilaterals because they do not have 4 sides.

2

Main Idea

Find the sentence that doesn't belong!

Violins and violas are very similar. Both of them are string instruments that you might find in an orchestra. You also could find a cello in an orchestra. Violins and violas both have 4 strings that you play by using a bow or by plucking. Also, they are both played by being held between the shoulder and chin.

3

Main Idea

Find the sentence that doesn't belong!

Miniature dachshunds are wonderful to have as pets. They are very playful and loving. Since they do not shed very much, they do not leave hair everywhere and are easy to clean up after. Golden retrievers also make wonderful pets.

4

Main Idea

Find the sentence that doesn't belong!

In order to make it to school on time, I have to get up at 7:00! After waking up, I immediately eat breakfast. Then, I take a shower and brush my teeth. Next, I prepare for lunchtime by making sandwich. I also have to walk my dog after I get home from school. Finally, I'm ready to grab my backpack and get on the bus!

5

Main Idea

Find the sentence that doesn't belong!

My favorite season is spring. I love when flowers and trees begin to bloom, and the weather begins to get warmer. During spring, the warm weather makes me want to go outside and ride my bike. My bicycle is bright green.

6

Main Idea

Find the sentence that doesn't belong!

My favorite sport is basketball. I'm not very good at basketball, but I really enjoy watching other people play. The best part is when somebody like Michael Jordan dunks the ball. Michael Jordan also played baseball. Basketball is the best sport ever!

7

Main Idea

Find the sentence that doesn't belong!

My little brother is so annoying! He always bothers me when I have friends over, and he makes too much noise. Sometimes he'll hide my favorite video game for weeks! My mom wants to have another baby. I wish I didn't have to share a room with my brother.

8

Main Idea

Find the sentence that doesn't belong!

North America is one of the seven continents. Three different countries make up most of North America – Mexico, the United States, and Canada. The continent of Europe has a lot more countries that are a part of it. North America is in between the Pacific Ocean and the Atlantic Ocean. Below North America is South America.

9

Main Idea

Find the sentence that doesn't belong!

The United States of America has 50 states. Only 48 of the states are considered to be a part of the contiguous United States. Canada is a country above the United States. Since Alaska and Hawaii are separated from the rest of the United States, they are not considered to be a part of the contiguous United States. However, they are still a part of our country!

10

Main Idea

Find the sentence that doesn't belong!

February is black history month. We celebrate famous African Americans during February, including Barack Obama, Jackie Robinson, Martin Luther King, Jr., and Rosa Parks. We also take note of other famous presidents like George Washington. The African American culture is worth learning about and celebrating!

11

Main Idea

Find the sentence that doesn't belong!

Hurricanes, also known as tropical cyclones, can be extremely destructive. Hurricane winds blow at least 74 miles per hour and can destroy homes, trees, and cars. Tornadoes can also do this. If you know a hurricane is coming, find a safe place away from the ocean to stay!

12

Main Idea

Find the sentence that doesn't belong!

I finally convinced my mother to let me have a pet! We went to the pet store and looked at the different types of pets. My mom is allergic to cats, so we couldn't get a kitten. I'm allergic to peanuts. Even though the pet store clerk told us that snakes were perfectly safe pets, my mom refused to let me get a snake. We finally ended up with a tiny puppy!

13

Main Idea

Find the sentence that doesn't belong!

My older sister is already in middle school. She thinks she's really cool, but really she's just obnoxious. She calls my mom "Mother" and she won't eat macaroni and cheese because she thinks it is messy. When her friends come over, she makes me hide in my room until they are gone! I also have an older brother in high school.

14

Main Idea

Find the sentence that doesn't belong!

All my friends have their ears pierced, but I am terrified to get mine pierced. I used to be scared of lizards, too. Ear piercing looks so painful! Even though there are lots of cute earrings, I do not think I will ever have the courage to get my ears pierced. I guess I will wear clip-ons for the rest of my life!

15

Main Idea

Find the sentence that doesn't belong!

One of my chores at home is doing the dishes. I don't mind unloading the dishes, but I absolute detest washing dirty dishes. I also hate taking out the trash. Dirty dishes have a disgusting odor. When dishes have been sitting out for while, everything gets crusted to the plate! Gross!

16

Main Idea

Find the sentence that doesn't belong!

Saturn is one of the planets in our solar system. Saturn is much bigger than Earth, but it is smaller than the planet Jupiter. The planet Mercury is also smaller than Jupiter. Saturn has several hundred rings, and has more than 30 moons. Many people enjoy observing the planet Saturn.

17

Main Idea

Find the sentence that doesn't belong!

Many people are petrified of tarantulas. Like all spiders, tarantulas have eight legs. Ants have six legs. However, they do not weave webs in order to catch food. Tarantulas grab prey with their legs and paralyze the prey with venom. Fortunately for people, tarantulas eat mostly insects.

18

Main Idea

Find the sentence that doesn't belong!

Throughout its lifetime, a butterfly goes through metamorphosis. Metamorphosis occurs in a variety of animals. A butterfly begins life as an egg, and then hatches into a caterpillar. Then, the caterpillar creates a cocoon. An adult butterfly then emerges from the cocoon!

19

Main Idea

Find the sentence that doesn't belong!

Hearts are not just for Valentine's Day! Your heart is probably the most important muscle in your body! It sends blood throughout your body so that your body can get the oxygen and nutrients it needs. Oxygen comes in your body through your mouth and nose. Even though your heart is only about the size of your fist, you need to keep it healthy.

20

Main Idea

Find the sentence that doesn't belong!

My teacher asked us to pull out our math books, but I couldn't find mine because of all the clutter in my desk. I found gum wrappers, broken pencils, and crumpled papers, but no math book. My multiplication flash cards were safe in my backpack. My desk was so unorganized!

21

Main Idea

Find the sentence that doesn't belong!

Summer is my favorite season, and not just because school is out during the summer! I love eating ice cream cones and diving into swimming pools on a hot summer day. I also love to go camping, which my family does every summer. Winter is way too cold for me.

22

Main Idea

Find the sentence that doesn't belong!

Even though deserts do not get very much rain, there are a variety of plants and animals that can survive there. Kangaroo rats can survive without drinking any water because they get moisture from the seeds they eat. The Texas Horned Lizard can grow as long as 6 inches. Cacti can survive because of a waxy coating that keeps water from evaporating.

23

Main Idea

Find the sentence that doesn't belong!

Thomas Jefferson is an important person in United States history. Jefferson was the 3rd President of the United States, and he helped write the Declaration of Independence. George Washington was the 1st President. While Thomas Jefferson was in office, he bought a large portion of land that nearly doubled the size of the United States, known as the Louisiana Purchase.

24

Main Idea RECORDING SHEET

Card

Sentence that doesn't belong

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Main Idea RECORDING SHEET

Card

Sentence that doesn't belong

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Main Idea RECORDING SHEET

Card

Sentence that doesn't belong

1. Men's gymnastics has six different events.

2. A quadrangle is any shape that has 4 angles.

3. You also could find a cello in an orchestra.

4. Golden retrievers also make wonderful pets.

5. I also have to walk my dog after I get home from school.

6. My bicycle is bright green.

7. Michael Jordan also played baseball.

8. My mom wants to have another baby.

9. The continent of Europe has a lot more countries that are a part of it.

10. Canada is a country above the United States.

11. We also take note of other famous presidents like George Washington.

12. Tornadoes can also do this.

Main Idea RECORDING SHEET

Card

Sentence that doesn't belong

13.

I'm allergic to peanuts.

14.

I also have an older brother in high school.

15.

I used to be scared of lizards, too.

16.

I also hate taking out the trash.

17.

The planet Mercury is also smaller than Jupiter.

18.

Ants have six legs.

19.

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20.

Oxygen comes in your body through your mouth and nose.

21.

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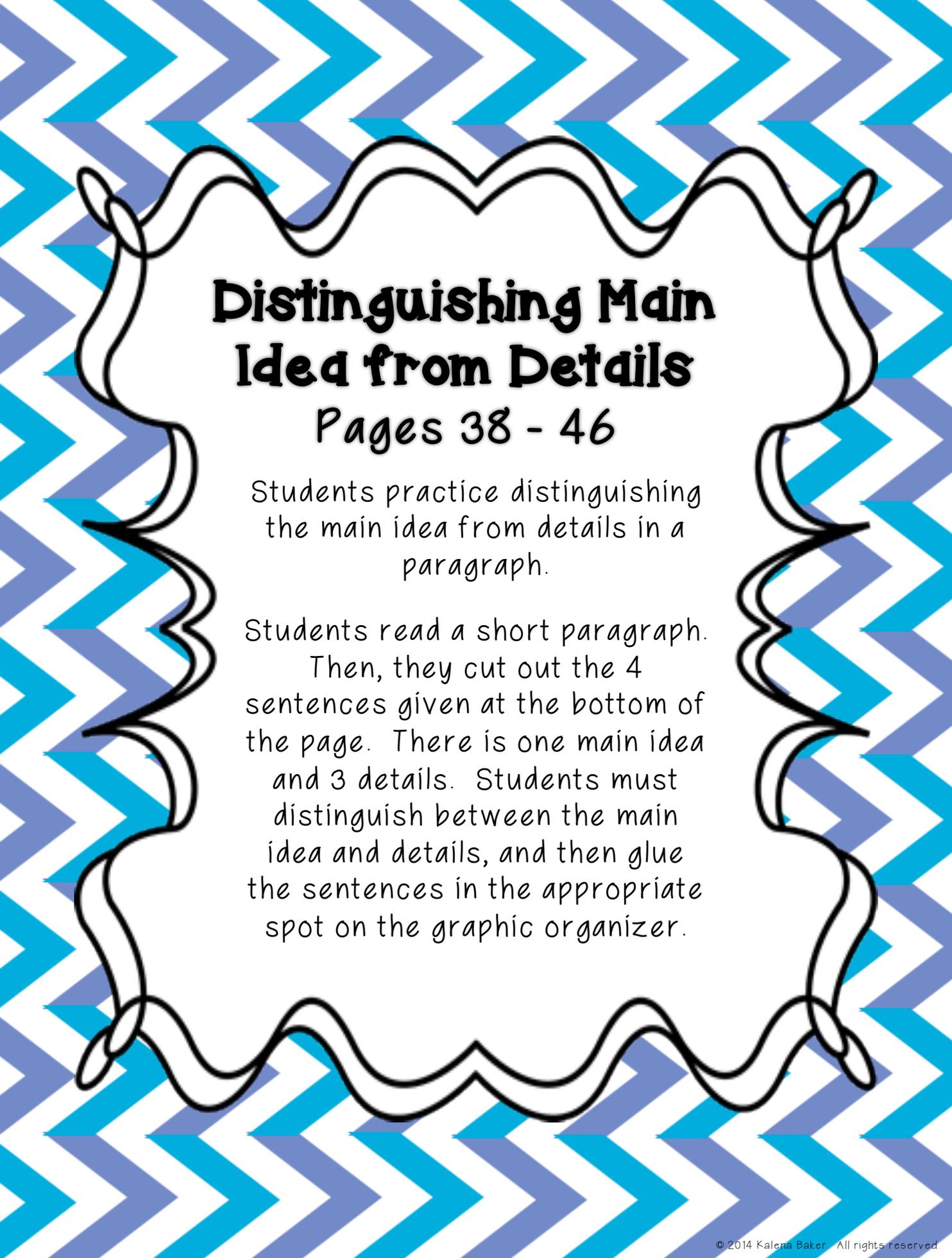
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23.

The Texas Horned Lizard can grow as long as 6 inches.

24.

George Washington was the 1st President.



Distinguishing Main Idea from Details

Pages 38 - 46

Students practice distinguishing the main idea from details in a paragraph.

Students read a short paragraph. Then, they cut out the 4 sentences given at the bottom of the page. There is one main idea and 3 details. Students must distinguish between the main idea and details, and then glue the sentences in the appropriate spot on the graphic organizer.

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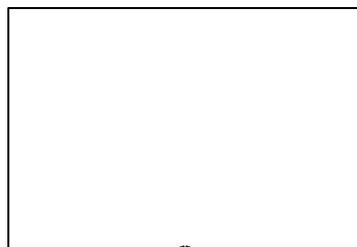
Read the passage, and then cut out the sentences at the bottom of the page.

One of the sentences is the main idea, and the remaining 3 are details.

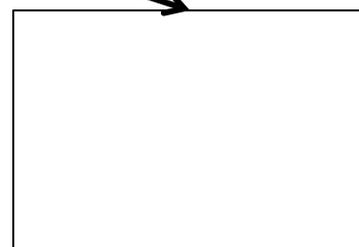
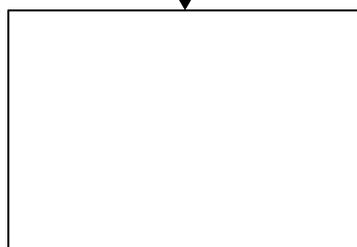
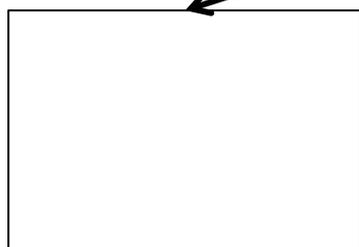
Decide where the sentences belong on the graphic organizer below, and then glue them in the appropriate spot.

Visiting an aquarium can be a lot of fun. At an aquarium, you will see a variety of beautiful ocean animals. Jellyfish, seahorses, and octopuses can be colorful and fascinating! Most aquariums also have vibrant corals, which look like plants but are actually animals. Aquariums also usually have a variety of sharks, including hammerhead sharks, nurse sharks, and sand tiger sharks. An aquarium is a great place to see examples of camouflage, as many underwater animals are masters of camouflage.

MAIN IDEA



DETAILS



An aquarium is a great place to see examples of camouflage.

You can see a variety of ocean animals at an aquarium.

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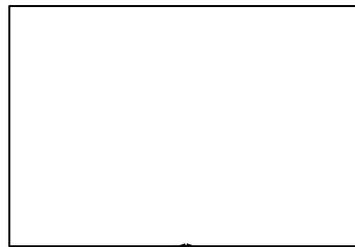
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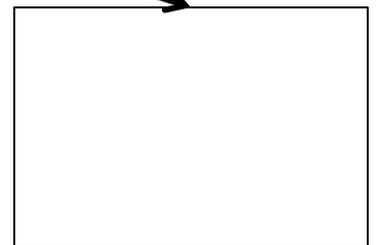
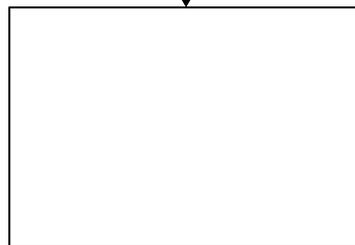
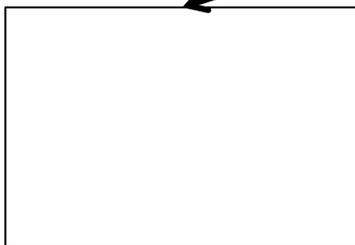
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MAIN IDEA



DETAILS



Make sure chickens don't eat chocolate or raw potato skins.

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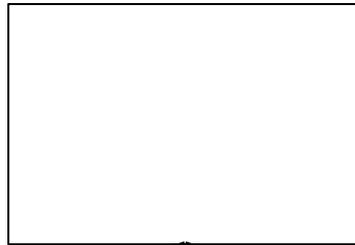
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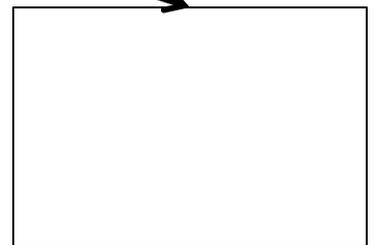
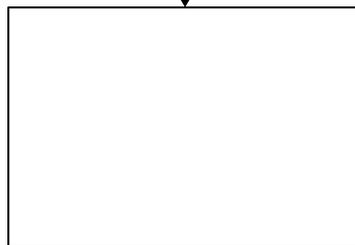
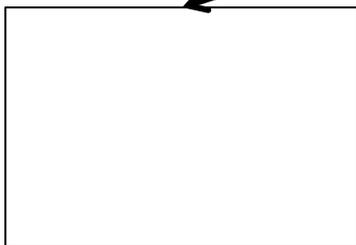
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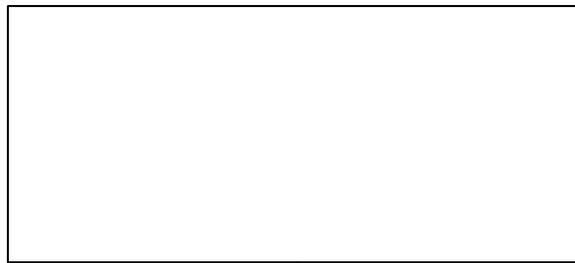
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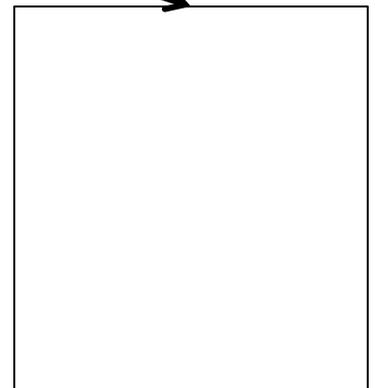
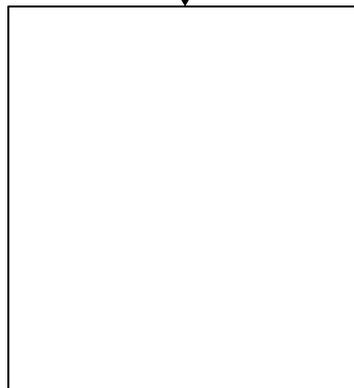
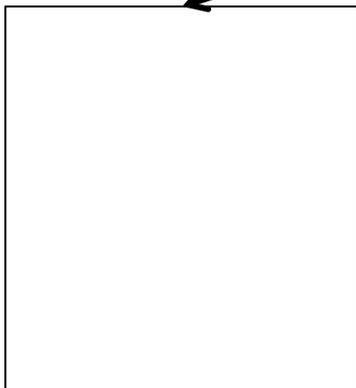
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MAIN IDEA



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MAIN IDEA

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DETAILS

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MAIN IDEA

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DETAILS

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MAIN IDEA

Earth and Mars are very similar.

DETAILS

Both Mars and Earth have had water on them.

Mars and Earth are both rocky, terrestrial planets.

You can find mountains and canyons on Mars and Earth.

Another possible detail: If we needed to survive on a planet other than Earth, Mars would be the best choice.

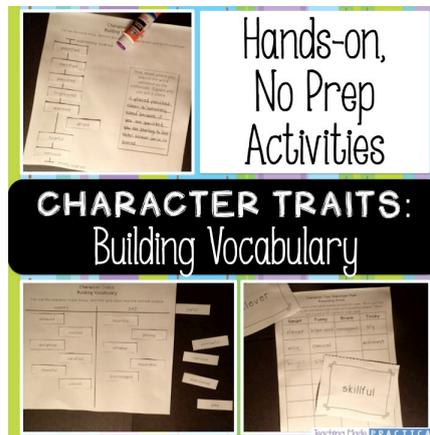
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