



## Main idea and details

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### Reading Comprehension Worksheet

#### Practice

A parent or tutor should read to the student and help the student to record their answers.

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The **main idea** of a story is what the whole story is *mostly about*.

The **details** are *small pieces of information* that make the story more interesting.  
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1. Listen to this story. Think about what the whole story is *mostly about*.

Little Bear lived with his mom and dad in a cozy little cave in the woods. He liked to climb trees. He liked to build little houses out of sticks and leaves. Sometimes his whole family would go for a picnic under a big tree beside the river. Picnic days were Little Bear's favorite days!

At bedtime, Little Bear's mom would read him a story. His dad would come in to tell him good night. Little Bear always asked them to leave the bedroom door open a crack. He was just a little bit afraid of the dark.

It was picnic day! They spread out the picnic blanket under the big tree. They had sandwiches and fruit salad. Little Bear climbed the tree, and played in the shallow part of the river.

When it started to get dark, Little Bear's dad helped him catch lightening bugs. They put them in a glass jar that had a few holes punched in the top for air.

That night, Little Bear's mom read him a story. His dad came in to say good night. His dad put the jar of lightening bugs next to Little Bear's bed. They glowed softly in the dark. Little Bear's dad closed the door and smiled. His idea had worked.

What is this whole story mostly about? Circle your answer.

Little Bear likes to climb trees.	Little Bear lives in a cozy little cave in the woods.	Little Bear is afraid of the dark.
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2. Which of these is a small piece of information from the story that makes the story more interesting? Circle your answer.

Little Bear likes to swim.	Little Bear likes to climb trees.	Little Bear likes peanut butter sandwiches.
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3. Which of these is a small piece of information from the story that makes the story more interesting? Circle your answer.

Little Bear likes picnic days.	Little Bear is afraid of bees.	Little Bear's mom likes to sew.
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4. What is another small piece of information from the story that makes the story more interesting?

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5. How do the details in this story make this story more interesting?

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## Answer Key

1. Little Bear is afraid of the dark.
2. Little Bear likes to climb trees.
3. Little Bear likes picnic days.
4. Accept any reasonable response, such as, Little Bear likes to make houses out of sticks and leaves.
5. Accept any reasonable response, such as, it is interesting to picture Little Bear at the picnic, climbing the big tree, and playing in the water.