

Main idea and supporting details

Grade 2 Comprehension Worksheet

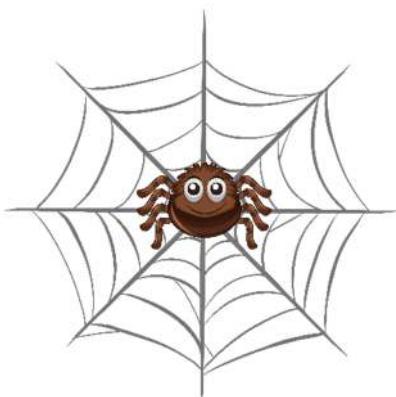
The **main idea** is what the story is mostly about.

The **supporting details** are small pieces of information that help explain the main idea.

Read the story and think about the main idea:

Maya really doesn't like bugs! Her backyard has so many of them. Tiny ants crawl in long lines. Buzzing bees fly from flower to flower. Maya always watches the grass because sometimes a grasshopper jumps out. When that happens, she screams!

The bugs Maya dislikes most are spiders. She really doesn't like how they make big, sticky webs in the garden. "What if one touches me?" she asks her dad. Her dad says spiders are helpful because they eat other bugs. Maya doesn't want to listen! She just wants the spiders to stay far away from her.



Maya's dad tries to help her feel better about bugs. He tells her that bees help flowers grow and that ants clean up crumbs. "Bugs are good for the Earth," he says.

Maya still doesn't like them. "I'd like them better if they didn't live in our backyard," she says.

Maya tries to play outside. She loves playing on her swing set. She thinks she can swing higher than anyone! When a bug buzzes or crawls near her, though, she always runs back to the porch.

Sometimes Maya dreams about having a backyard without bugs. "It would be perfect!" she tells her mom.

Her mom laughs and says, "Without bugs, the flowers and trees wouldn't grow." Maya knows her mom is right, but she still wishes the bugs would go somewhere else. For now, Maya just tries her best to stay far away from them.



Then answer the questions:

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 - a. Maya would love to live on a farm.
 - b. Maya doesn't like bugs.
 - c. Maya has a pet spider.

2. Which **detail** helps explain the main idea?
 - a. Maya's backyard has lots of bugs.
 - b. Maya's dad shows her how bugs can be helpful.
 - c. Maya screams if she sees a grasshopper.

3. What is another **detail** that explains the main idea?
 - a. Maya thinks her backyard would be perfect if there were no bugs.
 - b. Bees help flowers grow.
 - c. Maya's backyard has ants.

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