



## Main Idea and Details Writing

Grade 5

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

### Main Idea and Details writing

The **main idea** is what a paragraph is mostly about—it tells what the writer *will* explain. **Details** are sentences that give examples, reasons, or extra information to support the main idea. They *might* include facts, examples, or descriptions. Writers *could* use modals like **will**, **could**, and **might** in their details to show plans, possibilities, or guesses.

### A paragraph writing parts:

#### Topic Sentence

- The first sentence
- Tells the main idea of the paragraph
- Example: "During my winter vacation, I have many fun plans."

#### 2. Supporting Details

- The middle sentences
- Give more information, examples, or explanations
- These sentences support the topic sentence
- Example: "I will visit my cousins... I might build a snowman..."

#### 3. Closing Sentence

- The last sentence
- Restates the main idea or gives a final thought
- Example: "I think this winter vacation will be exciting and full of fun activities!"

### PARTS OF A PARAGRAPH

#### TOPIC SENTENCE

tells the main idea 

#### SUPPORTING SENTENCES

gives details about the main idea

#### CONCLUDING SENTENCE

ends the paragraph and restates the main idea 

Here are some **simple rules for writing a title:**

1. **Capitalize important words** - The first and last words, and all main words, should start with a capital letter.
2. **Keep it short** - A title should be only a few words, not a full sentence.
3. **Make it clear** - It should tell what your writing is about.
4. **Do not use a period (.)** - Titles don't end with punctuation.
5. **Make it interesting** - Choose words that make people want to read your writing.

### **Samples**

#### **My Winter Vacation Plans**

During my winter vacation, I have many fun plans. I will visit my cousins and we will play outside in the snow. We might build a big snowman if the weather is cold enough. I could also go ice skating with my friends. At home, I will help my family decorate the house, and we might drink hot chocolate together. I think this winter vacation will be exciting and full of fun activities! I might bake cookies with my mom and decorate them with sprinkles. I could watch holiday movies with my family while we sit under warm blankets. I will also take time to read my favorite books and relax. I can't wait for my winter vacation.

#### **My Life in Fifteen Years**

When I imagine my life in fifteen years, I see an exciting future ahead of me. In fifteen years, I will be an adult, and I will have an exciting job. I might become a teacher because I enjoy helping others learn. I could also be a scientist who discovers new things. I might live in a big city, or I could stay close to my family. I might even travel to different countries and learn about new cultures. I could have a pet dog that I will take care of and take on long walks. No matter what happens, I will work hard to follow my dreams and make my future bright.

1 point	1 point	3 points	3 points	2 point	Total
<u>Clear Topic Sentence</u> that introduces the main idea	<u>Clear Concluding Sentence</u> that wraps up the idea	<u>Future Tense</u> is and <u>Modals</u> are used correctly.	Includes 3-4 clear and relevant <u>supporting details</u> that explain the topic	<u>Sentences</u> are mostly correct with proper <u>punctuation</u> and <u>spelling</u>	____/10
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