

March Reading Comprehension Focus Details

All About Details

- *Definition:* the extended treatment of our attention to particular items. (Merriam-Webster Dictionary)
- *Includes the following:*
 - used to develop and clarify parts of writing
 - usually included in fiction to move a story along
 - may reveal something about a character, setting, problem, conflict, or resolution.

Why is this skill important?

- Children need awareness of this skill, but some books lend themselves to this focus better than others. Parents should be selective.
- This process is not meant to take away from the joy of reading, but to enrich the experience.
- Details help students better visualize the content and focuses attention on explicit or implicit information.
- Students who have experience reading richly detailed pieces may transfer their understanding of the author's craft to their own writing.

Get Started

- While reading stories aloud, select sentences, phrases, or paragraphs that have many details. Have your child create a picture in their mind of the story.
- Have students describe what is happening in an illustration in a book. Look at all the pieces of the illustration: what the characters are wearing, the background, and the actions depicted. Students should be able to describe what they see.
- Read aloud a book to students without showing the pictures. Have students draw what is happening in the story, using as many details as possible.
- Help students select details in a story. Summarize those details into a main idea.

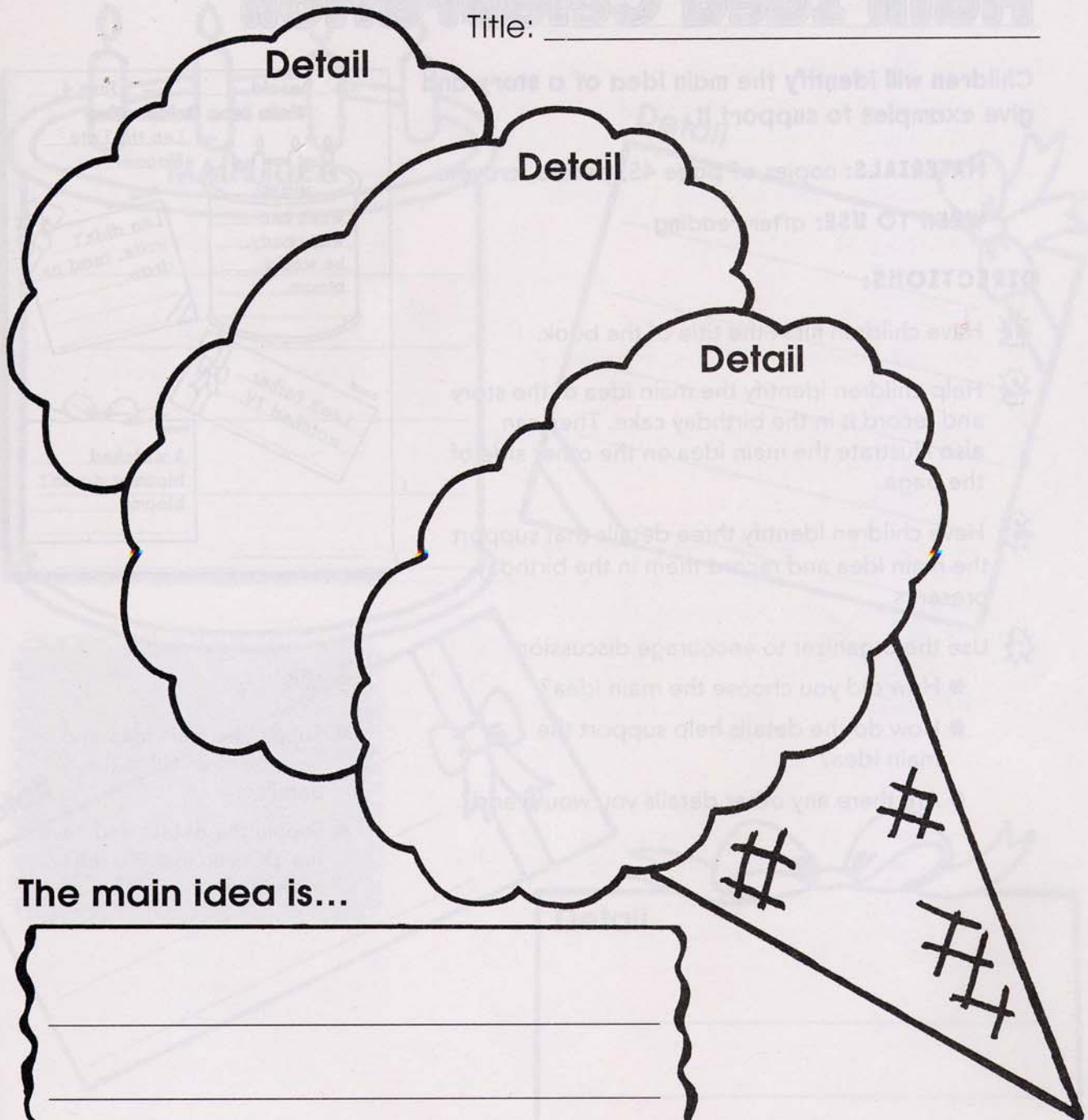


The key is for students to understand that details make a story and illustration more interesting.

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