

Topic Detectives

Students listen to short informational texts and circle the topic and details.

ELA.1.R.2.2 "Identify the topic of and relevant details in a text."

NAME _____

DATE _____

Teacher: this page is run aloud. The script and answers are on the guide page.

1 FIND IT _____

a	food	legs	ants
b	groups	nests	snow

2 MOON FACTS _____

a	sun	stars	moon
b	day	night	morning
c	round	square	triangle

HOW TO RUN THIS PAGE

A topic is what a whole text is about, and details are facts that tell more about that topic. Read each short text aloud, then read the choices in each row aloud. Students circle one word for each question.

Students never read directions on this sheet. Read each part's script aloud, then each prompt, giving think time before students mark.

PART 1 • FIND IT

SAY “Listen to this text: “Ants live in groups. They carry food. They have six legs.” Keep the text in your mind as I ask each question.”

ROW	SAY	STUDENTS CIRCLE
a	What is the text mostly about? The choices are food, legs, and ants. What word should you circle?	ants
b	Which word tells a detail from the text? The choices are groups, nests, and snow. What word should you circle?	groups

PART 2 • MOON FACTS

SAY “Listen to this text: “The moon shines at night. It can look round. The moon is in the sky.” Keep the text in your mind as I ask each question.”

ROW	SAY	STUDENTS CIRCLE
a	What is the text mostly about? The choices are sun, stars, and moon. What word should you circle?	moon
b	Which word tells when the moon shines? The choices are day, night, and morning. What word should you circle?	night
c	Which word tells how the moon can look? The choices are round, square, and triangle. What word should you circle?	round

WHAT TO ACCEPT

Part 1: ants, groups. Part 2: moon, night, round. Accept a clear circle around the correct word.