

Text Talk Detectives

Students listen for a main topic and important details, then retell events aloud.

1R2 "Identify a main topic or idea in a text and retell important details. (RI&RL)"

NAME _____

DATE _____

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

1 FIND TOPIC _____

a	Bees	Flowers	Pollen
b	Clouds	Rain	Boots

2 STORY DETAILS _____

a	wash	cut	eat
b	Ava	Dad	Soup
c	eat	stir	wash

HOW TO RUN THIS PAGE

Read each short text aloud twice, with a pause after each reading. Students circle the main topic in Part 1, then use the circled details in Part 2 to retell the events in order.

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 TOPIC

SAY “I will read a short text. Listen for what the whole text is mostly about, then circle one word in each row.”

ROW	SAY	STUDENTS CIRCLE
a	Listen: Bees live together in a hive. They visit flowers and carry pollen. Which word tells what the whole text is mostly about: Bees, Flowers, or Pollen? Circle it.	Bees
b	Listen: Rain falls from clouds. It gives plants water. People may use boots when it rains. Which word tells what the whole text is mostly about: Clouds, Rain, or Boots? Circle it.	Rain

PART 2 • STORY DETAILS

SAY “Listen: Ava and Dad make soup. They wash carrots, Dad cuts the carrots, Ava stirs the soup, and last they eat it. Circle an answer in each row, then tell the soup story in order using the details you circled.”

ROW	SAY	STUDENTS CIRCLE
a	What do Ava and Dad do to the carrots first: wash, cut, or eat? Circle the word you hear in the text.	wash
b	Who cuts the carrots: Ava, Dad, or Soup? Circle the word you hear in the text.	Dad
c	What do Ava and Dad do last: eat, stir, or wash? Circle the word you hear in the text.	eat

WHAT TO ACCEPT

Part 1 answers are Bees and Rain. Part 2 answers are wash, Dad, and eat; accept an oral retell that includes washing carrots, Dad cutting them, Ava stirring, and eating last, in order.