

Find What Matters

Students listen to short texts and mark the whole idea or the key detail.

1.6.G "evaluate details to determine what is most important with adult assistance;"

NAME _____

DATE _____

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

1 WHOLE MESSAGE

a	shell	turtle	slowly
b	honey	hive	bees
c	rain	water	puddles

2 KEY DETAIL

a	dry	grew	water
b	tape	page	fixed
c	down	tree	string

HOW TO RUN THIS PAGE

Read each short text aloud twice, then read the printed choices aloud. Model with a different oral example: if a text gives facts about apples, “apples” names the whole message, while “red” is one detail. Guide students to talk briefly about which detail matters most before they circle.

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

PART 1 • WHOLE MESSAGE

SAY “Listen to each short text. Then listen to the three words in the row and find the word that tells what the whole message is about.”

ROW	SAY	STUDENTS CIRCLE
a	Listen: A turtle has a hard shell. It can pull its head inside. It moves slowly. The words are shell, turtle, and slowly. Which word tells what this whole message is about? Circle it.	turtle
b	Listen: Bees visit flowers to get nectar. They make honey. Bees live together in a hive. The words are honey, hive, and bees. Which word tells what this whole message is about? Circle it.	bees
c	Listen: Rain falls from clouds. It gives plants water. Rain can make puddles. The words are rain, water, and puddles. Which word tells what this whole message is about? Circle it.	rain

PART 2 • KEY DETAIL

SAY “Listen for the biggest change in each short text. Then listen to the three words and find the word that tells that important change.”

ROW	SAY	STUDENTS CIRCLE
a	Listen: A seed was dry. Mia gave it water each day. Soon a green plant grew. The words are dry, grew, and water. Which word tells the biggest change? Circle it.	grew
b	Listen: A book page was torn. Lee fixed it with tape. The page was smooth again. The words are tape, page, and fixed. Which word tells the biggest change? Circle it.	fixed
c	Listen: A kite was stuck in a tree. Bo pulled the string. The kite came down. The words are down, tree, and string. Which word tells the biggest change? Circle it.	down

WHAT TO ACCEPT

Part 1 answers are turtle, bees, rain. Part 2 answers are grew, fixed, down. Accept a clear circle around the correct word after oral rereading and adult discussion.