

Big Idea Detectives

Listen to fact texts, then find the big idea and a supporting fact.

1.9.D.i "the central idea and supporting evidence with adult assistance;"

NAME _____

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

1 BIG IDEA _____

a	rain	clouds	plants
b	food	ants	groups
c	roads	rivers	maps

2 FACT CLUES _____

a	water	fur	wheels
b	libraries	hoses	feathers
c	grass	scales	eyes

HOW TO RUN THIS PAGE

A central idea tells what a whole fact text is mostly about. Supporting evidence is a fact that tells more about the central idea. Read each short text aloud twice, giving students time to listen before they mark an answer.

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

PART 1 • BIG IDEA

SAY “Listen closely as I read each fact text twice. For each one, find the word that tells what all the facts are mostly about.”

ROW	SAY	STUDENTS CIRCLE
a	Rain falls from clouds. Rain gives water to plants. What is this text mostly about? The choices are rain, clouds, and plants. Circle the word that names what the whole text is mostly about.	rain
b	Ants live together in groups. Ants work together to carry food. What is this text mostly about? The choices are food, ants, and groups. Circle the word that names what the whole text is mostly about.	ants
c	Maps show where places are. Maps can show roads and rivers. What is this text mostly about? The choices are roads, rivers, and maps. Circle the word that names what the whole text is mostly about.	maps

PART 2 • FACT CLUES

SAY “Listen to each fact text twice. For each one, find the word that is a fact from the text and tells more about its big idea.”

ROW	SAY	STUDENTS CIRCLE
a	Seeds can grow into plants. Seeds need water to grow. Which word is a fact from the text that tells more about seeds? The choices are water, fur, and wheels. Circle the fact word.	water
b	Firefighters help put out fires. They use hoses to spray water. Which word is a fact from the text that tells more about firefighters? The choices are libraries, hoses, and feathers. Circle the fact word.	hoses
c	Owls hunt at night. Their eyes help them see in the dark. Which word is a fact from the text that tells more about owls? The choices are grass, scales, and eyes. Circle the fact word.	eyes

WHAT TO ACCEPT

Part 1 answers are rain, ants, and maps. Part 2 answers are water, hoses, and eyes; accept a clearly circled response.