

Idea Detectives

Listen for a big idea and the facts that support it.

K.8.D.i "the central idea and supporting evidence with adult assistance;"

NAME _____

DATE _____

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

1 BIG IDEA _____

a			
b			

2 FACT CLUES _____

a			
b			

HOW TO RUN THIS PAGE

Read each short passage and the three spoken choices slowly, repeating them as needed. Students show the central idea by choosing a shape, then show which full fact supports a stated big idea.

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 “A big idea tells what the facts are mostly about. Listen to each passage and the three ideas, then circle the shape for the big idea.”

ROW	SAY	STUDENTS CIRCLE
a	Listen: A seed needs water. A seed needs sunlight. A seed grows into a plant. The square means, “Seeds need care to grow.” The circle means, “Seeds are tiny rocks.” The triangle means, “Seeds make loud sounds.” Which shape shows the big idea?	square
b	Listen: Some animals have thick fur. Thick fur helps them stay warm. Polar bears and foxes can have thick fur. The star means, “Fur is a type of food.” The circle means, “Animals use fur to stay warm.” The oval means, “All animals have the same fur.” Which shape shows the big idea?	circle

PART 2 • FACT CLUES

SAY “A supporting fact is a true detail that helps show the big idea. Listen to the big idea and the three facts, then circle the shape for the fact that supports it.”

ROW	SAY	STUDENTS CIRCLE
a	The big idea is, “Birds use beaks in different ways.” The diamond means, “A hummingbird uses its beak to sip nectar.” The rectangle means, “Birds live only in trees.” The triangle means, “Every beak is blue.” Which shape shows a fact that supports the big idea?	diamond
b	The big idea is, “Trees give animals places to live.” The pentagon means, “Trees move from place to place.” The square means, “Every tree has red leaves.” The hexagon means, “A squirrel can make a home in a tree.” Which shape shows a fact that supports the big idea?	hexagon

WHAT TO ACCEPT

Part 1 answers are square, then circle. Part 2 answers are diamond, then hexagon; accept a clearly marked circle around the correct shape.