

Main Idea and Supporting Details Worksheet (Grades 3–5)

Directions: Read each passage and complete the tasks. Use the extra space to show your thinking.

1. Read the paragraph:

Birds build nests to keep their eggs safe. They use sticks, grass, and leaves to build them. Nests are often built in trees or bushes.

Write the Main Idea:

List 3 Supporting Details:

2. Read the paragraph:

Exercise is important for staying healthy. It helps your heart stay strong and your body fit. Running, walking, and playing sports are great ways to exercise.

Write the Main Idea:

List 3 Supporting Details:

3. Write Your Own Paragraph:

Write a short paragraph with a clear main idea and at least 2 supporting details.
