



## Main idea and details

### Reading Comprehension Worksheet

#### Practice

A parent or tutor should read to the student and help the student to record their answers.

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The **main idea** of a story is what the whole story is *mostly about*.

The **details** are *small pieces of information* that make the story more interesting.

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1. Listen to this story. Think about what the whole story is *mostly about*.

Molly took her new bike out to the sidewalk. Her dad was going to teach her to ride it. He said it was easy, but she wasn't so sure. He said not to worry, but she wasn't so sure. She got on the bike, and her dad ran beside her, holding on to keep her steady. The bike wiggled a little, but Molly rode to the end of the block. She put on the brakes and looked around. Her dad was all the way up the sidewalk—she had been riding all by herself! After that, Molly never worried about riding a bike. She knew that she could do it.

What is this whole story mostly about? Circle your answer.

Molly learns to ride a bike	Molly gets a new bike	Molly's dad ran beside her
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2. Which of these is a small piece of information from the story that makes the story more interesting? Circle your answer.

Molly took her new bike to the park.	Molly wore her pink shirt.	The bike wiggled a little.
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3. Listen to this story. Think about what the whole story is *mostly about*.

The eye doctor said Julie needed glasses. Julie picked out a pair of cute pink glasses. But when the glasses were ready, Julie wasn't so sure. When she went to school the next day, she kept her new glasses in her backpack. She went into her classroom, and saw her teacher, Mrs. Swan. Mrs. Swan was wearing new pink glasses! Now Julie wasn't worried about wearing her new glasses. Now she thought her new glasses were wonderful!

What is this whole story mostly about? Circle your answer.

Julie's teacher	Julie's new glasses	Julie's classroom
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4. Which of these is a small piece of information from the story that makes the story more interesting? Circle your answer.

Julie's glasses came in a cute case.	Mrs. Swan liked Julie's new glasses.	Julie's new glasses are pink.
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5. Make up one more detail that would make this story even more interesting.

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## Answer Key

1. Molly learns to ride a bike
2. The bike wiggled a little.
3. Julie's new glasses
4. Julie's new glasses are pink
5. Accept any reasonable response.