

SECOND GRADE CURRICULUM

WHAT ELA SKILL NEEDS MORE PRACTICE?



IDENTIFY THE MAIN IDEA OF A TEXT, INCLUDING WHAT THE AUTHOR WANTS TO ANSWER, EXPLAIN, OR DESCRIBE.

COMPARE AND CONTRAST THE MOST IMPORTANT POINTS PRESENTED BY TWO TEXTS ON THE SAME TOPIC.

WHAT DOES MY CHILD NEED TO DO?

It is easy to identify a main idea that is directly expressed in the text. Main ideas are often found at the beginning of paragraphs. The first sentence often explains the subject being discussed in the passage. Main ideas are also found in the concluding sentences of a paragraph.

Example:

Circle the Main Idea of the Paragraph and Underline the Details:

Yesterday, I got a new coat. My new coat has a blue hood and red sleeves. My coat is very fuzzy so I stay very warm. The zipper of my coat is green. On the back, there is a picture of a snow man. I will wear my coat to school.

What strategies can students use to compare and contrast two texts on the same topic?

Example: Venn diagram

