



Camping Main Idea and Details

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- 2. Main idea/details template**
- 3. Double-wide Game board**

Directions:

- 1. Print, cut out and laminate all stories and the template. Place the two halves of the gameboard together and laminate. Review main idea and details with the student using the provided template. You may even want to give some basic examples of main idea/details before reading the stories.**
- 2. While playing the game, read each story and take turns identifying the main idea and at least three specific details for each story. Continue around the gameboard until all stories have been read, and then race for the finish.**

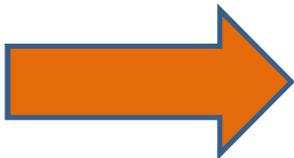
Main Idea: the most important thought about the topic of a paragraph. The main idea tells the reader what the text is about.



The main idea of this story is:

Details: facts, statements, and examples that help us understand the main idea. Details help explain and describe the main idea.

Three important details from this story are:



1. _____
2. _____
3. _____



Camping can be a lot of fun because there are so many things to do. Usually, you can take a hike in the woods. Sometimes you might see wildlife such as deer, fish, or birds. You might also get to swim if you camp near water like a lake, pond, or the ocean.

Cooking food can also be fun while camping. Some people cook over a campfire, while others use a barbecue grill. At night, it's fun to sit around the campfire, tell stories, and roast marshmallows.

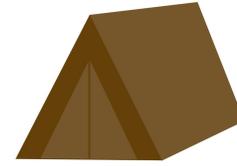
Don't forget to make s'mores!



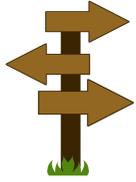
People sleep in different places when camping. Some people like to sleep in tents. Other people might use a camper. Campers come in lots of different sizes and shapes. Some even have bathrooms inside! Most people sleep in a sleeping bag in the camper or tent. Occasionally, a very brave person may choose to sleep in his sleeping bag outside under the stars!



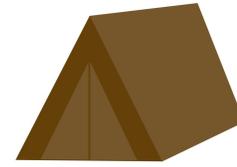
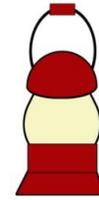
Many people like to make s'mores while camping. To make s'mores, first you have to roast a marshmallow over the fire. Some people like to burn their marshmallow, and may even set it on fire to make it black and charred! Other people like to lightly toast their marshmallow. After you roast the marshmallow, you squish it between two graham crackers with a piece of chocolate bar. The hot marshmallow will slightly melt the chocolate making it gooey and yummy! S'mores are yummy and fun to make!



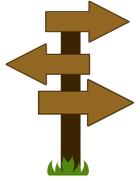
It's important to bring a flashlight with you when you go camping. Usually, people camp where there are no streetlights, so it is very dark at night. In the evening, most people light a campfire to sit around. The fire gives some light, but a flashlight is helpful when walking around, going to the tent or camper, or walking to the restroom. You might also use the flashlight to read or play games in the tent. A lantern is another great way to get light. Don't forget to bring extra batteries for the flashlight!



People cook their food different ways when camping. Some people choose to cook over the campfire, and may use sticks or a pot to hold their food. They may even place a grate over the fire to use for grilling. Other people like to bring a small barbecue grill to use for cooking. They may light charcoal or use propane gas to heat up the grill. Food cooked over fire or charcoal may taste different than food cooked over a gas grill. People can choose which way they like to cook their food when camping.



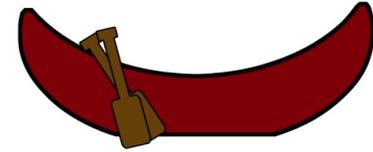
Don't forget to bring bug spray when camping! Mosquitoes and other biting insects live in the woods or near water where people camp. Bug spray helps to keep the bugs from biting you. Bug bites can be very itchy, and some might even get infected. It's important to prevent bug bites when camping. Other items like mosquito nets, tents, campers, and screen houses also help keep bugs away. There are many different kinds of bug sprays to choose from, so pick one that's right for you.



Hiking is a fun activity to do while camping. Some people camp near hills, mountains, or wooded areas and go hiking during the day. Don't forget to wear comfortable hiking shoes and socks to avoid getting blisters. It's always important to stay on the trail with other people to avoid getting lost.

It's a good idea to bring a compass, map, cell phone, whistle, food and water, extra clothes, and a first aid kit when hiking. Don't forget to turn back when you still have enough energy to make it back to camp before it gets dark!

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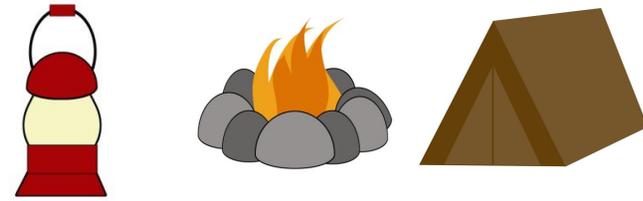
Many people camp near water to have fun. Some people camp near a pond, lake, river, or even the ocean. You might choose to swim, kayak, canoe, or go boating while camping. Don't forget to wear a life vest while in any kind of boat.

Make sure you swim in designated areas with other people, and never swim at night. You also have to be careful of wildlife when swimming, especially in ponds and lakes. You may see water birds such as ducks, loons, or egrets. You might even see a beaver, or a thirsty deer or moose!

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Putting up a tent can be very difficult. First, you should find a safe place to put the tent. The ground should be firm and flat. Never put the tent too close to the fire or other dangers like a cliff! Always follow the directions that come with the tent. Some tents have poles that need to be inserted in order for it to stay up. Other tents may pop up when you pull a cord. It may take a while to put up the tent, so make sure you have time to finish putting it up before it gets dark!



Packing for a camping trip can be tricky. You need to think about where you will be camping, and what the weather will be like there. Usually, it gets cold at night wherever you camp. You should always bring a jacket or sweatshirt, and you may even need a hat and gloves! Always bring extra clothes with you while camping in case it gets hot or cold. You should also bring rain gear in case of bad weather. If you are camping near water, don't forget to bring a bathing suit and sandals.



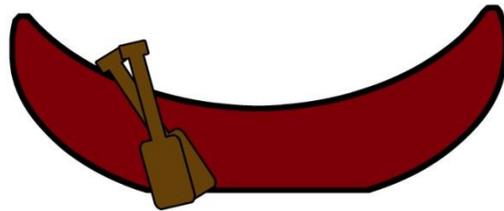
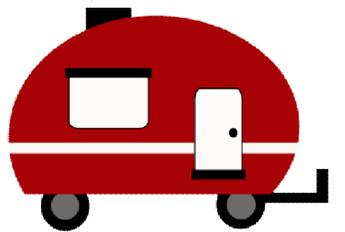
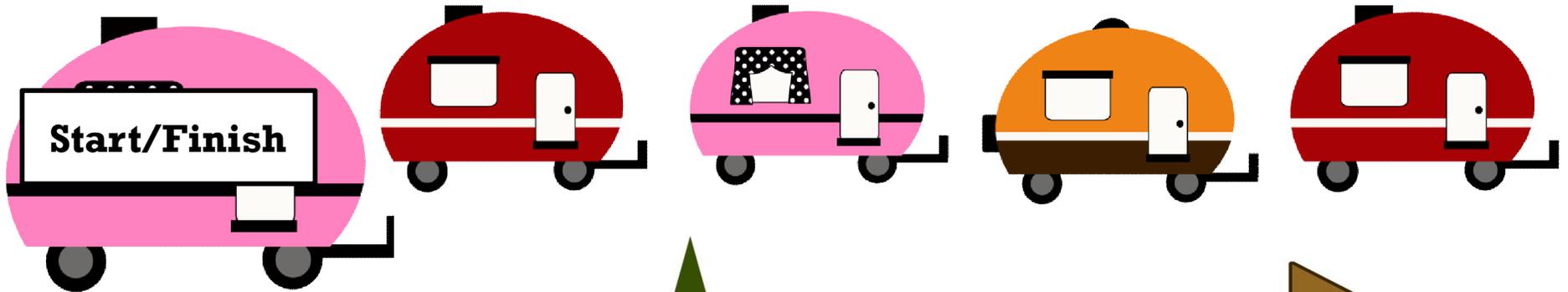
Sitting around the campfire at night is one of the best parts of camping. Usually, you will be tired from a fun day of hiking or swimming. It's relaxing to watch the flames, and the smoke helps keep bugs away. Most people enjoy snacks and drinks around the campfire. You can make s'mores if you remember to bring the ingredients. Many people sing songs or tell stories around the fire. Sometimes it's fun to tell scary stories about the woods when you are camping, but you might have trouble falling asleep!

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Finding a campsite can be tricky. Sometimes people camp at campgrounds where they rent a site for a day or week. Campgrounds usually have bathrooms, showers, and sometimes even a pool. Other people prefer to camp in the woods. You need to make sure you are camping in a safe place, and that you have permission to be there. People with campers may also want electricity at their campsite. There are many things to consider when choosing the best campsite.

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