

Reading Skill



Lesson 13: “Understanding the Main Idea”

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Definition

- + What is understanding the main idea?
- + It is to identify the main idea the writer wants to express.

How to find the main idea

- Read everything first.
- Look for words that give the writer's opinion.
- Check beginning and the end – the main idea is often there.

Example

English Dictionaries

There are *a lot of English dictionaries*. Some are *huge*. Others are *small*. Some are for *special areas*, like businesses. Others are for *general study*. You can get ones at different levels, for beginning, intermediate, or advanced students. How do you choose? First, think how you will use it. For example, do you need one with lots of specialized words? Do you want one that's easy to carry? Then go to a bookstore and ask which dictionary is the best for your needs. The *most important* thing is to *get the right one*.

Main Idea

- a. Some English dictionaries are bigger and better than others.
- b. Because there are a lot of dictionaries, it is difficult to choose a good one.
- c. It is important to choose the right dictionary. ✓

Think

- What is the topic?
- What is the writer's opinion about the topic?

Thank You!