

Lesson 73 • The North Wind and the Sun

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Finding the Main Idea and Supporting Details

The main idea of a text is its key point. It sums up what the text is about. Details in the text can help us identify the main idea.

Read the passage.

Underline the sentence that best expresses the main idea of the text.

Highlight the sentence that supports the main idea.

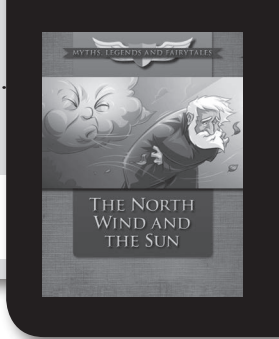
The Wind began to blow as hard as he could. He blew directly on the man with a whipping, punching wind. The man became cold and wrapped his coat closely around his body. No matter how hard the Wind blew, it was useless — the man only held his coat more tightly.

Put a box around a sentence that shows what effect the Wind had on the man.

Color the correct answer/s for each question.

- Which sentence best expresses the main idea of the text?
 - The Wind tried hard to frighten the man.
 - The Wind tried hard to make the man take off his coat.
 - The Wind tried hard to make the man hold on to his coat.
 - The Wind tried hard to make the man cold.
- Which three details support the main idea?
 - The Wind whipped and punched around the man.
 - The man became cold.
 - The Wind blew directly on the man.
 - The man wrapped his coat closely around his body.
 - The man held his coat more tightly.
 - The Wind blew as hard as he could.

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Read the passage.

Now it was the Sun's turn. She came out from behind the cloud and shone brightly. The man began to sweat from the heat and decided he could go no further. So he stopped, took off his coat and continued his walk.

Underline the words that show what the Sun made the man do. This will help you find the answer to question 1.

Highlight the words that tell us that the man was getting hot.

Put a box around a sentence that shows what effect the Sun had on the man.

1 What is the main idea of the text? _____

2 Which three details helped you find the main idea?
a _____

b _____

c _____

