



Comprehension

C. 013

Expository Text Structure

Keys to the Main Idea

Objective

The student will identify details and main idea in text.

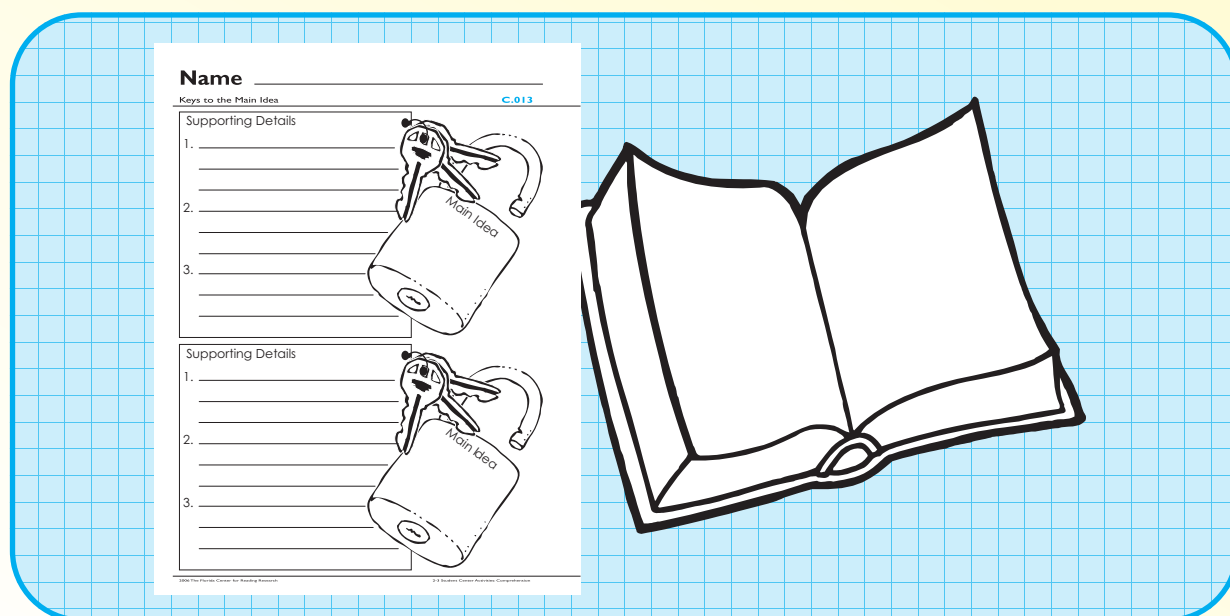
Materials

- ▶ Expository text
Choose text within students' instructional-independent reading level range
- ▶ Sticky notes
Place sticky notes strategically throughout the text in places where it is appropriate to identify supporting details and main idea.
- ▶ Student sheet
Provide multiple copies corresponding to the number of designated paragraphs or passages to be read. Can be copied double-sided.
- ▶ Pencils

Activity

Students write main ideas by identifying supporting details and facts in expository text.

1. Place text at the center. Provide each student with a student sheet.
2. Taking turns, student one reads the text aloud until designated stopping point.
3. Brainstorm and discuss the main idea and its supporting details and facts with student two.
4. Writes the supporting details and a one sentence main idea on student sheet.
5. Reverse roles and continue until the text is read and each student has recorded at least two main ideas with supporting details.
6. Teacher evaluation



The graphic illustrates the activity materials. On the left, two identical student worksheets are shown. Each worksheet has a 'Name' field at the top, followed by the title 'Keys to the Main Idea' and the code 'C.013'. Below the title, there are two sections, each labeled 'Supporting Details' with a numbered list (1., 2., 3.) and a section labeled 'Main Idea'. A cartoon key character is shown holding a lock labeled 'Main Idea'. To the right of the worksheets is a large, simple line drawing of an open book.

Extensions and Adaptations

- ▶ Use other graphic organizer. May cut details and main ideas apart and exchange with a partner to match together.

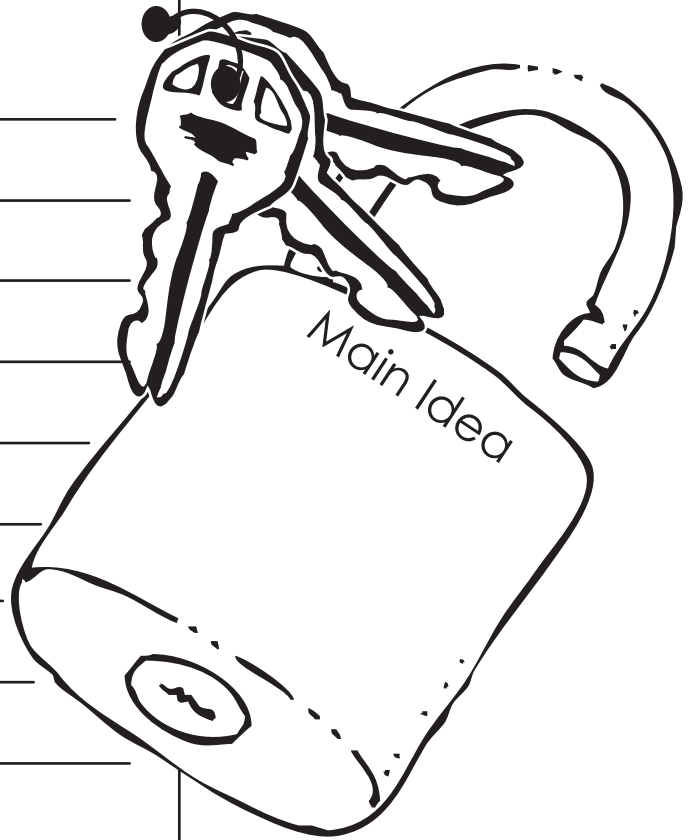
Name _____

Supporting Details

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

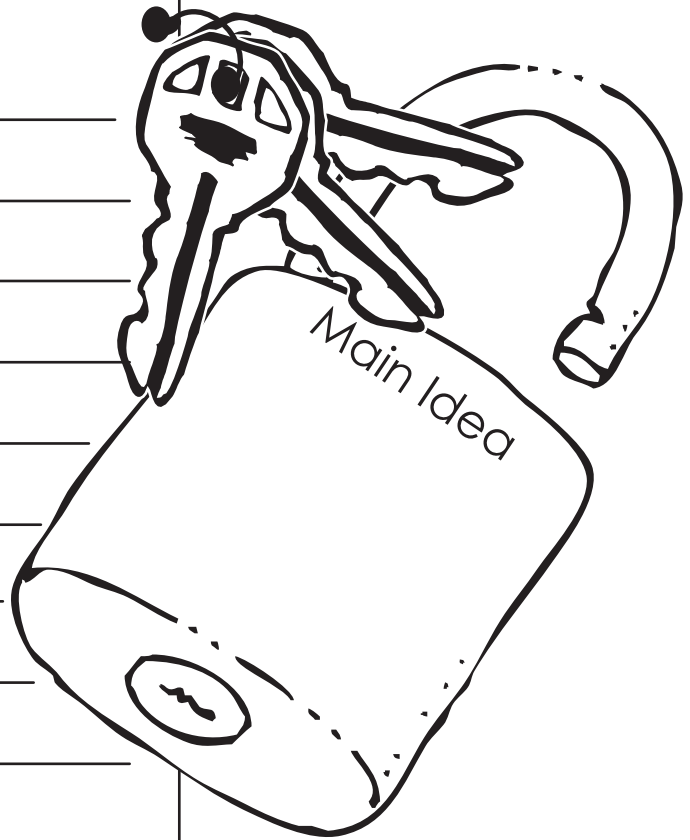


Supporting Details

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____



Name _____

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Key to the Main Idea

Supporting Details









Main Idea

Supporting Details









Main Idea
