



## Main Idea and Supporting Details

**3.1** Ask and answer questions to demonstrate understanding of a text, referring explicitly to the text as the basis for the answers.

**CCSS RL 4.1** Refer to details and examples in a text when explaining what the text says explicitly and when drawing inferences from the text.

- Explain to students that they will practice identifying the main idea and supporting details of a text.
  - The main idea is what the story is primarily about. It is usually what the author wants the reader to remember most. The details support the main idea. The ability to recall and identify a main idea is a crucial reading comprehension skill.
- Practice identifying the main idea and supporting details of the following passage:

Gabriel couldn't believe it! The day was finally here. He ate his cereal so quickly, milk spilled all around his bowl. "Mom! Abuela! I'm ready to go. Let's go!" he shouted.

They got into the car and began to drive. Gabriel was bouncing in the back seat. He could see all the sights as they drove through Center City. They passed the grocery store, the library, the bike shop, and the community pool. He didn't care about any of those places—not today. He only had his eyes set on the museum up ahead.

Finally, his mom parked the car. Gabriel raced ahead to the big double wooden doors. It was time to see the new painting exhibit at the art museum.
- Ask the following questions to prompt student thinking related to the skill:
  - Who is the main character?
  - What is the main character trying to do?
  - What does the main character want?
  - What does the main character do or say to show what they want?
- Example:
  - Main idea: Gabriel was really excited to go to the art museum.
  - Supporting detail: He ate his cereal quickly.
  - Supporting detail: He was bouncing in the back seat.
  - Supporting detail: He raced to the big double wooden doors.
- Choose one of the Adventures Series read-aloud books to practice identifying the main idea and supporting details. Have students complete *What It's All About* on pg. 2.

# What It's All About

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Directions:** The main idea is what the story is primarily about. A main idea is supported by important details from the text. Review the story and identify the main idea. Write it in the Main Idea box below. Then add three details that support the main idea.

<b>Main Idea</b>

<b>Detail</b>

<b>Detail</b>

<b>Detail</b>