

Determine Main Idea and Key Details

Standard Description

Determine the main idea of a text; recount the key details and explain how they support the main idea.

Lesson Objectives

1. Identify the main idea of a given text.
2. Recount key details and connect them to the main idea.
3. Practice summarizing texts with clarity.

Activities

1. Read the provided passage and discuss its main idea.
2. Highlight key details in the text that support the main idea.
3. Complete the worksheet with summarization and detail-identification exercises.

Reading Passage

Bees are vital to our environment and play a crucial role in pollination. As they fly from flower to flower, collecting nectar, bees also spread pollen, which helps plants produce fruits and seeds. This process is essential for agriculture and food production. Crops like apples, almonds, and blueberries rely heavily on pollination by bees. In addition to supporting plant reproduction, bees produce honey, a natural sweetener enjoyed by people worldwide. Honey has also been used for centuries as a remedy for wounds and sore throats, showcasing the versatility of these small creatures. Unfortunately, bee populations are declining at an alarming rate due to habitat loss, pesticide use, and climate change. Without bees, our ecosystems would face significant challenges. Entire food chains depend on the work of these tiny pollinators. Efforts to protect bees include creating bee-friendly gardens, reducing pesticide use, and supporting local beekeepers. By understanding their importance and taking action, we can help ensure that bees continue to thrive and sustain life on our planet.

Worksheet

1. What is the main idea of the passage?
2. List three key details that support the main idea.
3. Why are bees important to the ecosystem?
4. Write a summary of the passage in two sentences.