

Reading for Meaning

Grades 1-3

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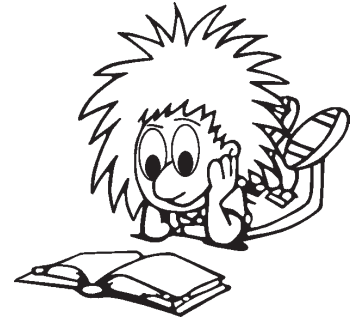
Finding the Main Idea



Circle the word in each list that does not belong.

<p>1. soccer hockey baseball reading football</p>	<p>2. orange grapefruit potato lemon lime</p>	<p>3. truck car bus tractor doll</p>
<p>4. robin squirrel crow cardinal chick-a-dee</p>	<p>5. pie cookies vegetables cake pudding</p>	<p>6. Wednesday Christmas Halloween Easter Thanksgiving</p>
<p>7. dog cat gerbil canary whale</p>	<p>8. June Tuesday August September April</p>	<p>9. ceiling floor windows doors sky</p>

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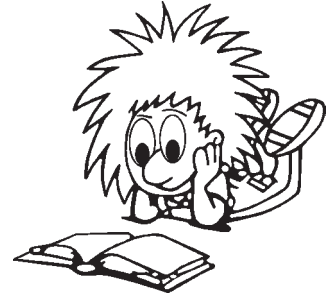


Read each group of words. Circle the group of words in each box that **does not** belong.

<p>1. birthday cake party hats pretty presents happy children school books</p>	<p>2. colorful leaves frost on the grass blowing snow orange pumpkins rosy red apples</p>	<p>3. play in the sand make a snowman build a sand castle splash in the water look for sea shells</p>
<p>4. twinkling lights evergreen tree colorful balls eggs in a basket shiny garland</p>	<p>5. birds singing crashing thunder wind blowing lightning flashing pounding rain</p>	<p>6. swing on swings slide on slides play in a sand box ride the round about run to school</p>
<p>7. brushing my teeth riding my bike washing my face combing my hair getting dressed</p>	<p>8. vanilla pudding potato salad cherry pie chocolate cake oatmeal cookies</p>	<p>9. clowns jumping water running lions roaring horses prancing dogs dancing</p>

Skill: Main idea.

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Read each animal story carefully. Choose the **best title** for each story from the box. **Print** the title on the line above each story.

<p>Striped Horses</p> <p>People-like Animals</p>	<p>A Useful trunk</p> <p>Animal Skyscrapers</p>	<p>King of the Beasts</p> <p>Hunters Beware</p>
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<p>1. _____</p> <p>Tigers have a rusty-yellow coat with black stripes. Some tigers are bigger than the largest lions. They hunt for deer, wild pigs and monkeys just before and after sunset.</p> <p>Tigers fear only people with their guns who hunt them for their skins.</p>	<p>2. _____</p> <p>Zebras look very much like horses. There are four kinds of zebras. The best known ones are white with black stripes all over their bodies.</p> <p>Zebras live on the plains or in the mountains of Africa. They feed on grass.</p>
<p>3. _____</p> <p>Giraffes are the tallest living mammals. Their bodies are tan colored with big brown spots. They are found only in Africa.</p> <p>Giraffes stretch their long necks to eat the leaves found on the branches of tall trees. They grab the branches with their long tongues and then bite them off with their sharp teeth.</p>	<p>4. _____</p> <p>The gorilla is the largest of the apes and looks somewhat like a person.</p> <p>During the day, they look for food to eat. When gorillas get dirty, they clean themselves, and when they get tired, they rest. Adult gorillas are very brave and will protect their family from danger.</p>