

Locating the **main idea** (most important or central thought in a text) will help to improve reading comprehension. Each text has an overall main idea that is the central message of the entire book. Each chapter also has its own main idea that connects back to the overall message. Finally, every section and paragraph will have separate main ideas. This hierarchy of information is the text's organization.

## Main Idea of Text

Main Idea of Chapter

Main Idea of Paragraph or Section

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