

Lesson Topic: Identify Main Topic and details



Common Core Standards:

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RI.K.2 With prompting and support, identify the main topic and retell key details of a text

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RI.2.2 Identify the main topic of a multiparagraph text as well as the focus of specific paragraphs within the text

Grade level: PreK-1

Materials:

Bluebee Pal connected to tablet, paper and crayons

Required Free Applications:

Youtube Kids , Starfall (free edition allows use of required text)

Optional Paid Applications:

BrainPopJr.

Set-up:

Download required free apps onto your tablet (or paid applications if desired)

Sync your Bluebee Pal with your tablet

Visit the apps you will be using to familiarize yourself with their layout or save videos as needed

Lesson Instructions:

1. Write the word "main idea" on the whiteboard. Tell students that main idea means what the text is mostly about. When you read, there will be a lot of "details" or information about the main idea.
2. Tell students that Bluebee is going to teach them more about finding the main idea and details.
 - a. Free app: Watch the video from Youtube Kids
 - i. eSpark Learning Videos- "eSpark Learning: Determining Main Idea Instructional Video (1RI2)"
 - b. Paid app: Paid website: Watch "Main Idea" video on BrainPopJr. Then take the quiz to see what the students learned
3. After the video plays, use Starfall (free edition allows this text) to access the "Talking Library" (stack of books) to retrieve the book "Dolphins Are Not Fish!". Follow the steps from the video to help students determine what the main idea along with some details are for the text.
 - a. A Main Idea graphic organizer can be useful to organize the information
4. Students can draw a picture and write a sentence to tell something they have learned about dolphins from the text.

Differentiation:

For struggling students, use nonfiction books as the Youtube Kids eSpark Learning Video plays to have students complete each step of the process in real time with the video.

Extension:

Students can read a nonfiction book from Epic Books and complete a main idea and details graphic organizer.