

READING FOCUS SKILLS



MAIN IDEA AND DETAILS

The **main idea** is what the text is mostly about. **Details** are pieces of information about the **main idea**.

When reading, look for examples of the **main idea** and **details** about what each main idea is.



CAUSE AND EFFECT

A **cause** is what makes something happen. An **effect** is what happens.

When reading, look for examples of the **cause** of something. Then identify the **effects** of the cause.



COMPARE AND CONTRAST

Comparing means finding similar characteristics between two or more things. **Contrasting** means finding differences between two or more things.

When reading, look for examples of things that show **similar** characteristics, and things that show **differing** characteristics.