

Main Idea (Intermediate) _____

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Ross was dirty, wet, and cold! The rain continued to pour down from the dreary, gray sky. Ross was having a terrible day!

Ross woke up late because his alarm clock didn't ring. There was no milk in the refrigerator, so he had to eat oatmeal for breakfast instead. Then, he missed the bus!

Ross decided to ride his bike all the way to school. It suddenly started raining. Then, his bike hit a bump and he lost control. Now, he was picking himself up from a mud puddle where he and his bike had landed. Poor Ross! He began to cry.

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I know this is the main idea because _____

If I were the author, and I wanted to add another supporting detail to this story, I would add _____

Finding the main idea of this story was:

_____ easy _____ tricky _____ hard for me

More Main Idea (Intermediate) _____

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Sasha twirled and spun on her toes as she counted, "One, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight" over and over to herself. She smiled in the mirror as she went over her dance steps again and again. Today was the day of Sasha's ballet recital!

Earlier that morning, Sasha woke up and ate a healthy breakfast so she would have energy for dancing. She put on her stretchy leotard, her pink stockings, and her ballet slippers. Her mom fixed her hair in a special pony tail. Then, Sasha got into the car to go to the dance school.

Now, Sasha waited for the program to begin. She would hear the special music, and it would be her time to dance on the stage. This was a special day!

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The main idea of this story is: Ross was having a terrible day!

I know this is the main idea because he was dirty, wet, and cold after landing in the mud. He missed the bus and tried to ride his bike to school. He didn't even to get to eat the kind of breakfast he likes. It all happened because his alarm clock didn't ring.

If I were the author, and I wanted to add another supporting detail to this story, I would add (Answers will vary.) Sample answer: His bike hit a tree and the handlebars were bent.

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The main idea of this story is: Today was the day of Sasha's ballet recital.

I know that this is the main idea because Sasha practiced. She ate a healthy breakfast for energy, she wore ballet clothes, her mom put her hair in a special ponytail, and she went to the dance school.

If I were the author of this story, and I wanted to add another supporting detail to the story, I would add (Answers will vary.) Sample answer: Dancing was one of Sasha's favorite things to do.

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