

## Academic Language to Discuss Nonfiction Text

### Key Vocabulary for Main Idea and Details in a Nonfiction Text:

main idea	point/message	topic sentence	title
mainly	primarily	addresses	focuses on
details	support/supporting	examples of	reasons for

### Key Vocabulary for Referring to a Nonfiction Text:

paragraph	section	chapter	article	reading selection
selection	text	report	informational text	nonfiction text

### Q & A for Main Idea and Supporting Details

**Q:** What is the **topic** of this article/report/paragraph/section?

**A:** The **topic** of this \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_.

**Q:** What is this paragraph/section/selection/article/report **mainly about**?

**A:** It is **mainly about** \_\_\_\_\_.

**A:** This \_\_\_\_\_ **focuses on** \_\_\_\_\_.

**A:** This \_\_\_\_\_ is **primarily about** \_\_\_\_\_.

**A:** This \_\_\_\_\_ **addresses** the topic of/reasons for \_\_\_\_\_.

**Q:** What is the **author's main idea/point**?

**A:** The **author's main idea/point** is that \_\_\_\_\_.

**Q:** What is/are the **most important detail(s)** in this paragraph/section?

**A:** One **important detail** in this paragraph/section is \_\_\_\_\_.

**A:** An **essential detail** in this paragraph/section is \_\_\_\_\_.

**A:** Another **significant detail** in this paragraph/section is \_\_\_\_\_.

**A:** The most **critical/vital detail** in this paragraph/section is \_\_\_\_\_.

**A:** An interesting but **nonessential detail** in this paragraph/section is \_\_\_\_\_.