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Main Idea and Details

The **topic** is what a piece of writing is about. The **main idea** is the most important idea about the **topic**. **Supporting details** are small pieces of information about the **main idea**.

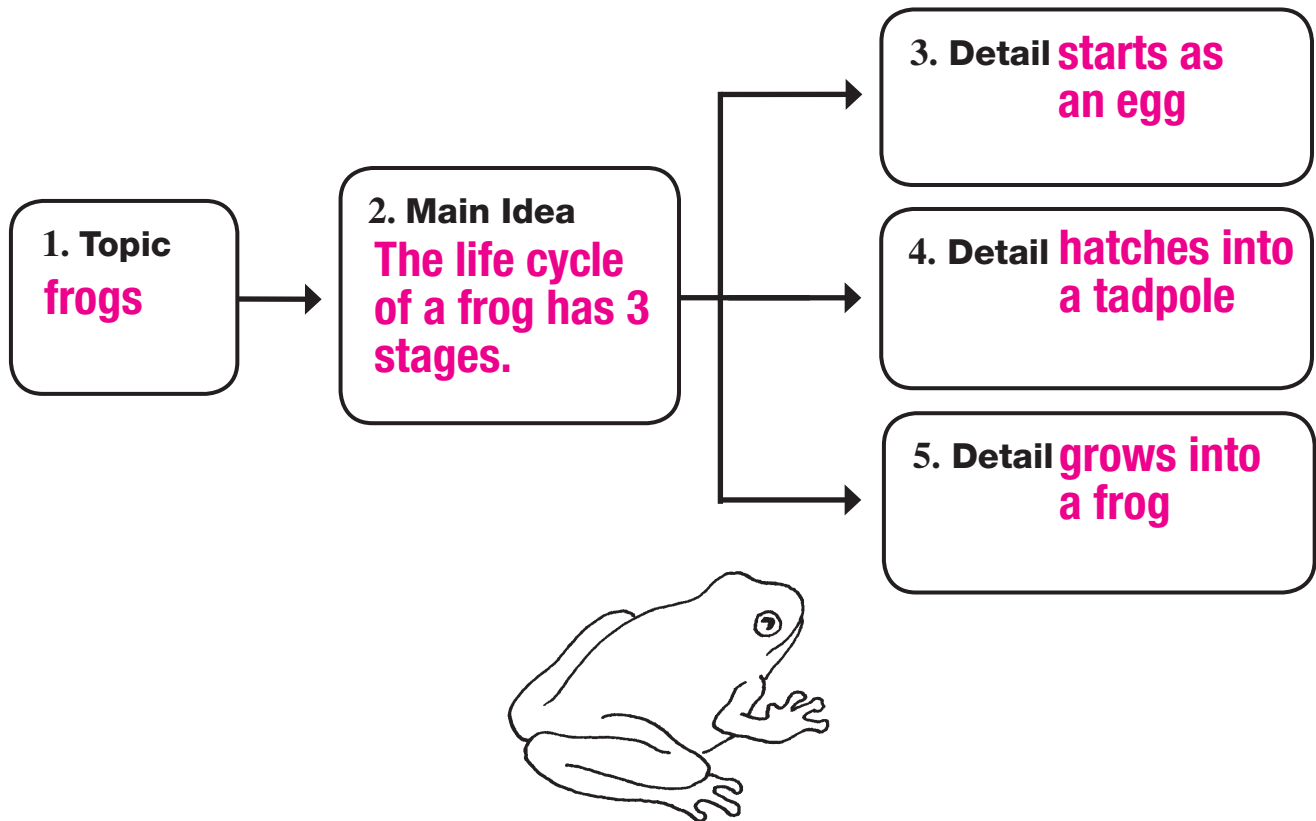
Directions Read the following passage.

What is the life cycle of a frog?
 There are three stages.
 A frog begins as an egg. The egg hatches in about a week. A small tadpole wiggles out.
 A tadpole looks a bit like a fish. It swims around in water, looking for algae to eat.

As the tadpole eats, it grows and changes. The tadpole loses its tail and grows hind legs.

Soon the tadpole is a frog. Now it can hop on land and catch insects with its long tongue.

Directions Complete the graphic organizer to organize the information you read.



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Home Activity Your child found the topic, main idea, and details in a passage. Talk about an animal your child is familiar with, such as a family pet. Then ask your child what topic you have been talking about (family pet). Ask your child to list three details from your conversation.