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Main Idea • Monitor and Fix Up

- The **main idea** answers the question, "What is this story all about?" **Details** are small pieces of information that help tell what the story is about.
- As you read, ask yourself, "What are the important details in this story so far?" **Sum up** to help you understand what is happening and to help you tell what the story is about.

Directions Read the following passage.

Kendra saw all sorts of colorful rocks at the beach. She had been looking for something to collect. Kendra decided she would collect rocks.

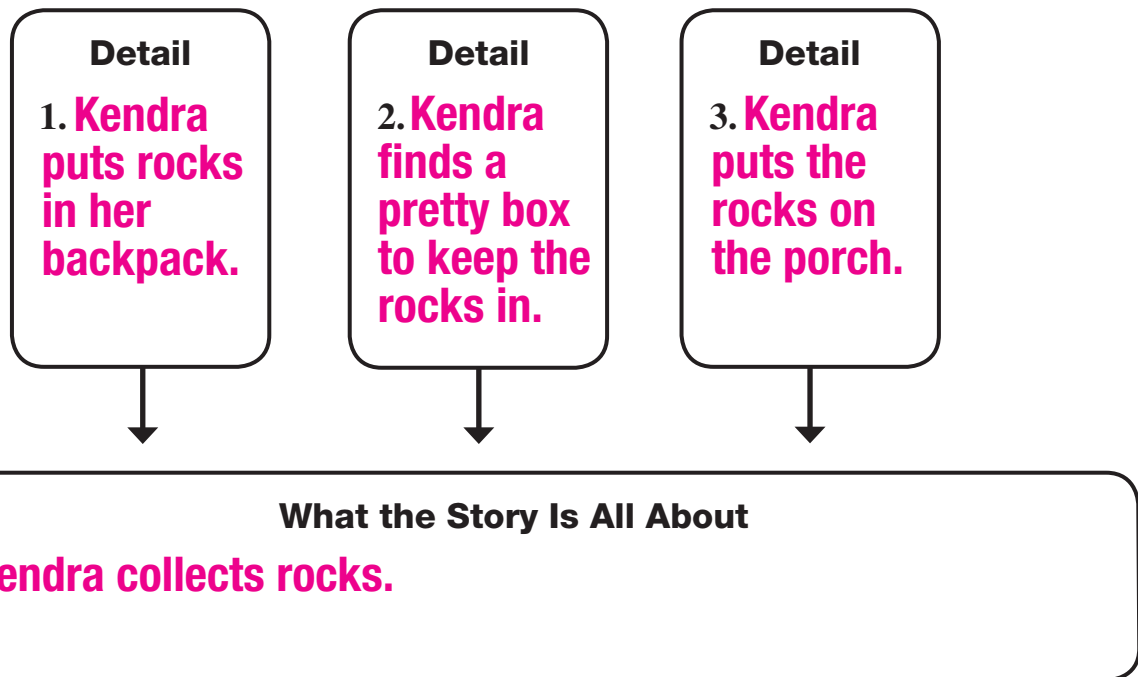
Kendra loaded her backpack with red rocks, yellow rocks, black rocks, and speckled rocks. Then she lugged them home.

Once home, Kendra looked for a place to keep her rocks. She couldn't keep them in her backpack.

Kendra found a pretty box. She set the colorful rocks in the box and put them on the porch.

Kendra showed her beautiful rock collection to everyone who came to visit.

Directions Complete the graphic organizer to tell what the story is all about.



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Home Activity Your child found the main idea of a story. The main idea is a sentence that sums up what the story is all about. Read a story like the one above, and ask your child to name some of the details in the story and then write one sentence to tell what the story is all about.