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Main Idea

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.

Directions Read the following passage.

John went into the woods on a snowy day, and his boots made tracks where he walked.

"I can follow my tracks back out," thought John, so he didn't pay attention to where he was going.

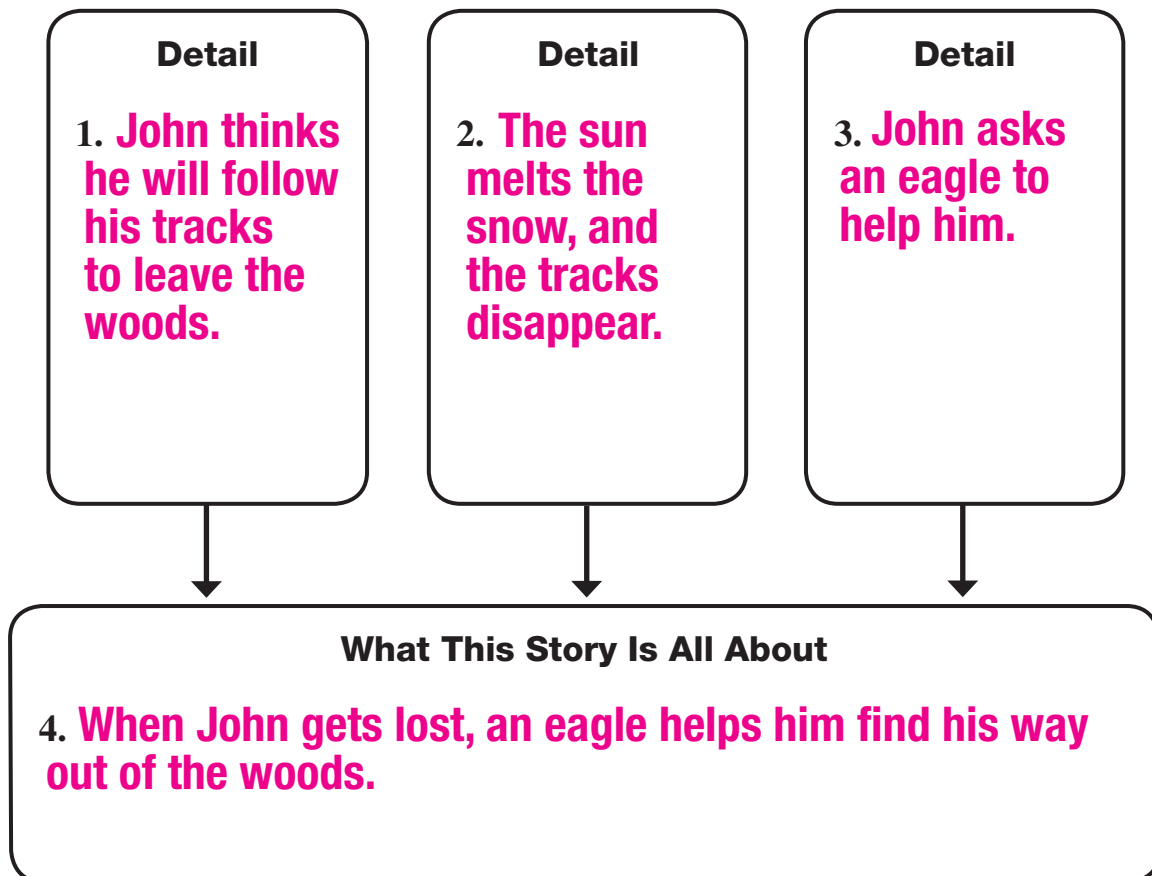
But the sun came out and melted the

snow, and when John wanted to leave, he couldn't see any tracks.

Then John saw an eagle overhead. "Eagle," said John. "Please help me find my way out."

The eagle flew south, then west. John followed until he was out of the woods.

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 with your child. Ask your child to name details from the story and then tell what the story is all about.