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Main Idea

- The **main idea** is the most important idea about a paragraph, passage, article, or book.
- **Details** are pieces of information that support, or tell more about, the main idea.

Directions Read the following passage. What is the main idea of the paragraph? Write it in the box at the top. Then find three details that tell about the main idea. Write one detail in each smaller box.

Antarctica is very windy and dry. Antarctica is so dry that scientists call it a desert. The small amount of snow that falls there never melts. It is moved around by the wind until it freezes into ice.

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