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Main Idea

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

Directions Read the following passage. What is the main idea of the paragraph? Write it in the box on the left. Then find three details that tell about the main idea. Write them in the boxes on the right.

Using a metal detector can be a fun hobby. But there are rules you must follow before using a metal detector. Metal detectors are not allowed on National Park Service lands. There are also many places, such as public schools, churches, and private lands, where you must ask permission before you use a metal detector. If you are not sure of whether you can use a metal detector, just ask!

Possible responses given.

