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## Main Idea

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

**Directions** Read the following passage. Then answer the questions below.

**B**irds that cannot fly are called flightless birds. They differ from flying birds in many ways. The bones of flightless birds are heavier than those of flying birds. Flightless birds' feathers are

also different from those of flying birds. Like humans, all birds have a breastbone. However, a flightless bird's breastbone is different from that of a flying bird since it has no flight muscles attached.

1. In one or two words, what is this paragraph about?

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2. What is the main idea of the paragraph?

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3. What is one important detail that tells more about the main idea?

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4. What is another important detail about the main idea?

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5. What is a third detail about the main idea?

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