

# Main Idea and Details

- The **topic** is what a piece of writing is about. The **main idea** is the most important idea about the **topic**. **Supporting details** are small pieces of information about the **main idea**.

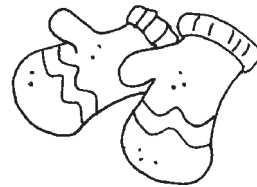
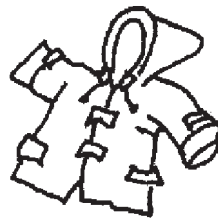
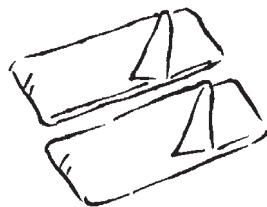
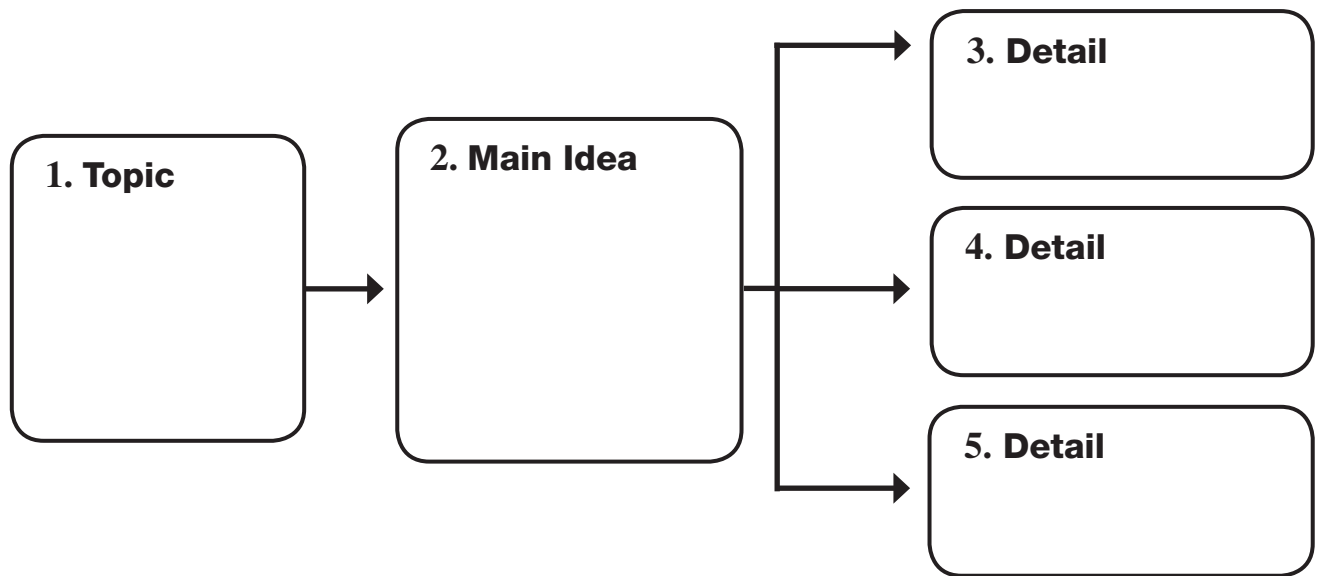
**Directions** Read the following passage. Complete the graphic organizer below.

**W**hat if you wanted to cross Antarctica? What would you need to take along?

You would need warm clothes, such as a parka and fur-lined boots. You'd also need bulky socks, thick pants, and the warmest mittens you could find!

Don't forget to bring your own food. You could warm frozen casseroles over a fire and eat nuts and snack bars during the day.

At night you'll need a sleeping bag. Take the warmest one you can find so you are sure to keep warm all night long!



**Home Activity** Your child found the topic, main idea, and details in a passage. Read a nonfiction book to your child. To find the topic, ask, “In one or two words, what is the book all about?” To find the main idea, help your child make a sentence that tells the most important part about the topic. Then ask your child to list several details that tell more about the main idea.