

## MAIN IDEA

## What is Main Idea?

The **main idea** of a text is what the text is written about. The main idea is the subject or main topic of the text.

### Example:

Let's say the main idea of a paragraph is that a butterfly has an unusual life cycle. The paragraph would then include specific details about the life cycle of the butterfly which support the main idea.

### What is Plot?

Plot is the series of events that happen in a story. Plot is one of the



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- Conflict a problem is introduced for a character or characters
- 3. Rising Action the conflict or problem within a story becomes more intense for the characters as the story unfolds
- 4. Climax when something happens in the story to create a turning point for the characters in trouble--the point at which the outcome of the conflict can be predicted
- **5. Resolution -** the ending of the story; this is where all the loose ends are tied up



# **Try This!**

#### True or false?

The climax is the conclusion of the story.
The main idea of the story tells the reader where the story is taking place.
The problem of a story is also called the conflict.
 The exposition is usually at the end of a story.
 Events of a story are told through the plot.



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