

A **main idea** is the important or main point that a writer makes in an article or a story. The writer often uses **details** to **support** their thinking or the main idea.

## Saving at the Market

There are some simple ways to save money and time at the supermarket. First, buy store brands items instead of the expensive name-brand products. Name brand products usually cost more than the store brand version. Then make sure that you don't shop when you're hungry. Many people end up spending more money because everything looks good when you're starving for some food. Next, go to the store at odd hours during the week to reduce the amount of time you spend in line. Finally, try to find coupons you can use to reduce the cost of your purchase. Some people have found ways to save hundreds if not thousands of dollars by using these little slips of paper. So, there you have it! Several ways to save money and time at the supermarket.

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