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To find key information as you read, remember:

- The **main idea** is the most important point about a topic.
- **Supporting details** are information that tells more about the main idea.

Main Idea & Details Text Marks

-  Circle the **main idea**.
-  Underline the **supporting details**.



Read "Buzz and Bite." Find the main idea and supporting details. Then mark the text.

Buzz and Bite

People all over the world are scratching their mosquito bites. Why do mosquitoes like to bite? A female mosquito needs blood to make more mosquitoes. The female's mouth has a special part. She uses it to suck blood. She shoots some of her saliva into a person. It makes the blood easier to drink. The mosquito's saliva is what makes a bite itch. Yuk!

Mark the Text

Find the main idea and supporting details.

-  Circle the main idea.
-  Underline the supporting details.

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Read "That Stings!" Find the main idea and supporting details. Then mark the text.



That Stings!

1 Don't make a bee or wasp mad at you! Bees and wasps fight back with their stingers when they are disturbed or angry. A honeybee can sting a person only once. Its stinger gets stuck inside the victim's body. The honeybee dies after just one sting. Wasps, like hornets and yellow jackets, can pull their stingers out. So, they can sting their victims over and over again.

2 A bee or wasp sting hurts when it happens, and it keeps on hurting. After a sting, the skin becomes hot, turns red, and starts to itch. It's always best to remove the stinger as soon as possible. Some people are very allergic to insect stings. They might get hives, become dizzy, and have problems breathing. A little insect sting can cause big trouble.

Mark the Text

1 Find the main idea and supporting details.

Circle the main idea.

Underline the supporting details.

2 Find the main idea and supporting details.

Circle the main idea.

Underline the supporting details.

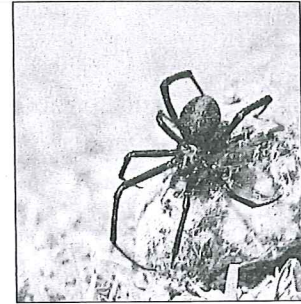
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Read "Bad Bug Bites." Find the main idea and supporting details. Then mark the text.

Bad Bug Bites

1 Two spiders that live in the United States have poisonous bites. They are the black widow and the brown recluse spiders. A black widow spider has a black, shiny body with a red-orange or yellow mark on its stomach. The brown recluse spider is brown with long, skinny legs. If these spiders bite you, the bite will swell, hurt, and make you feel really sick. Few people die from the spider bites. But if one of these spiders bite you, it's important to see a doctor right away.

2 A deer tick is a tiny insect that can cause a bad disease. The tick attaches its six legs to the skin of a victim and sucks its blood. Humans can get Lyme disease, a hard-to-cure illness, from the bacteria in the tick's bite. If you find a tick on your skin, pull it off with a tweezer. Then take the tick to your doctor to be checked.



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