



Angry Birds teach Main Idea!!



I can identify the main idea in fiction and non-fiction texts.



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What's a Main Idea?



The main idea of a passage is what the story is mostly about.

So, it just tells the big picture about the story?



*TIPS to help you find the main idea:



1. Highlight the important words or repeated words in the passage.

2. Draw a little picture of what the story is about.



3. Ask yourself, "What is the whole passage trying to tell me about?"

4. Make sure every detail sentence would fit into the main idea you decide on.



Let's try it! Read the passage and decide what the main idea is.

Example 1:

The red angry bird was sad. He could not do any cool tricks like the other birds. He tried to go fast like the yellow bird, but he could not. He tried to drop eggs, but he could not do it. He even tried to split into three birds, but he could not make it happen. Oh well, at least he could help destroy some evil pigs!

- a. The red bird tried to go fast like the yellow bird.
- b. The red bird could destroy pigs.
- c. The red angry bird was upset because he could not do tricks.



Let's try it again! Read the passage and decide what the main idea is.

Example 2:

The yellow angry bird loved to go fast. He went fast in the park. He went fast on the road. He even went fast at the zoo. Because he could go so fast, the yellow bird could beat all the other birds in a race. His favorite thing about flying fast was crashing into wood and knocking down big structures.

- a. The yellow bird went fast in the park.
- b. The yellow angry bird liked to do many things by flying fast.
- c. The yellow bird could beat all the other birds in a race.

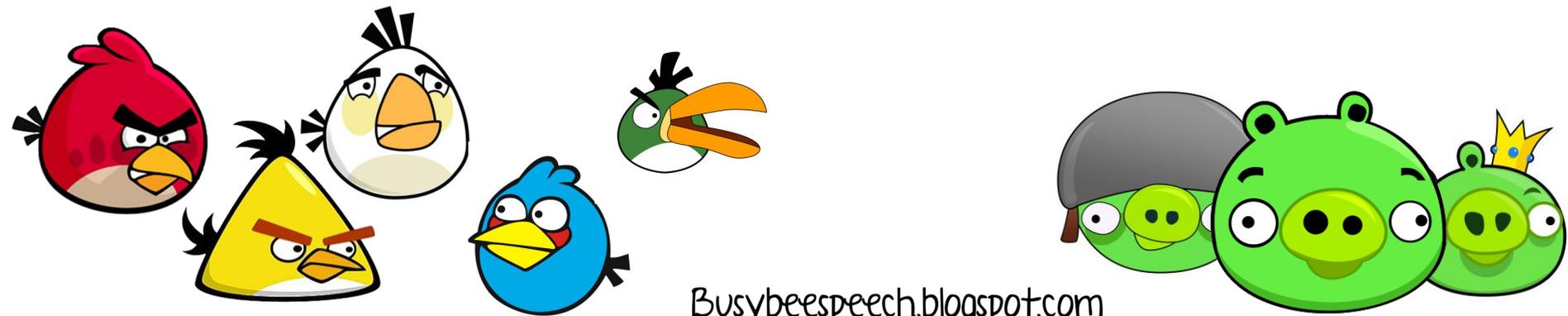


It's getting harder! Read the passage and decide what the main idea is.

Example 3:

One day, there were five colored birds taking care of their eggs. The blue bird was bored, so he asked the other birds to play a game. While they were playing, three green pigs were watching from behind the bushes. When the birds were busy with their game, the pigs snuck over to the eggs and snatched them! They ran off with the eggs as fast as they could. When the birds realized their eggs were missing, they became very angry.

- a. While five birds were playing, three pigs stole their eggs.
- b. The blue bird was bored.
- c. Three green pigs watched from behind the bushes.



You can do it! Read the passage and decide what the main idea is.

Example 4:

In *Angry Birds*, the player controls a flock of multi-colored birds that are attempting to rescue their eggs, which have been stolen by a group of green pigs. On each level, the pigs are protected by structures made of different materials such as wood, ice and stone, and the objective of the game is to eliminate all the pigs on the level. Using a slingshot, players launch the birds with the intent of either hitting the pigs directly or damaging the structures, causing them to collapse and destroy the pigs.

(Source: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Angry_Birds)

- The pigs are protected by structures made of different materials.
- To play *Angry Birds*, you launch different birds into structures in order to destroy the green pigs.
- The birds are attempting to rescue their eggs.
- The player controls a flock of different colored birds.



Last one! You got this! Read the passage and decide what the main idea is.

Example 5:

Did you know there are real angry birds? Birds can show their anger in many ways. Some may show color patches to warn an intruder that it is angry. A bird's posture can also tell you he is angry, just as posture can show emotion with many animals. Many birds have alarm calls and other sounds such as bill clacks or hisses that can indicate anger. Some birds will use motions to indicate unhappiness, such as slowly weaving back and forth while maintaining eye contact. The angriest bird will start an attack against any intruders it perceives, though this is usually after other anger displays have not had the desired outcome. (Source: <http://birding.about.com/od/birdbehavior/a/Angry-Bird-Behavior.htm>)

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