

# Finding Sentences That State the Main Ideas

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## Directions:

1. Read an article or section of informational text.
2. For each paragraph find a main idea sentence. Is it the first or topic sentence? The last sentence?
3. Complete the organizers below, filling out one for each paragraph of your text. Write the main idea sentence and its location in the paragraph. Use as many boxes as you need to jot details that support the main idea.

**Main Idea:**

**Details:**

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