Finding the Main Idea

1. **Identify the details.**
2. **Compare the details to determine what they have in common.**
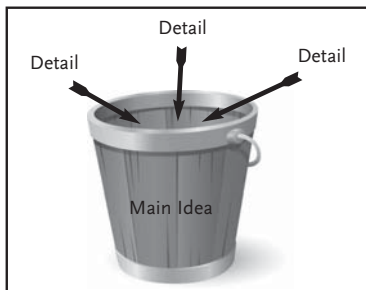3. **Use your own words to paraphrase what they have in common.**

Techniques

Goldilocks

- Is my main idea too specific?
- Is my main idea too general?
- How can I change it so it is just right?

Labeling the Bucket

- What label for the bucket describes what is inside?

Self-Cuing

- The topic is _____
- What is the paragraph saying about the topic?_____