

# 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.

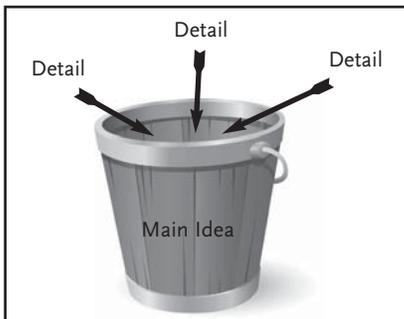
## Techniques

### 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? \_\_\_\_\_