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Unit 3 Skill Review: Identifying Main Ideas vs. Supporting Details

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The Unit 3 Review Skill asks you to identify the main idea of each paragraph in Reading 1 and identify the supporting details. You can apply this skill to a whole text or to part of it.

Each group of sentences below is from a paragraph in Reading 1. Read the sentences. Then label the main idea of the paragraph with MI and label the supporting details with D.

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