

ANSWERS

Reading Corner

Main Idea & Details Part 1

What is a main idea?

A main idea is what the text is mostly about.

What are details?

Details are sentences that tell more about, describe, or explain the main idea.

Directions: Read the paragraph. Then, use the graphic organizer to record the main idea and three supporting details.

You probably know sharks have very sharp teeth, but did you know they never run out of them? If a shark loses a tooth, another moves forward from within the shark's jaw, where it keeps a nearly unlimited supply of replacement teeth. This way, it's almost impossible for a shark to end up without a full set of teeth. This is a phenomenon unique to the shark. No other animal in the world has teeth quite like the shark's. A shark can go through as many as 20,000 teeth in its lifetime!

Students' answers will vary.

Detail → **If a shark loses a tooth, another moves forward from within its mouth.**

Detail → **nearly an unlimited supply of replacement teeth**

Detail → **sharks can go through as many as 20,000 teeth in a lifetime**

Main Idea → **Sharks almost always have a full set of teeth.**
