

Main Idea Matching Game

This is a 2 player center that includes 8 paragraph cards and 8 main idea cards. Students must match a paragraph card with its main idea card. Have students use the instructions on page 16 to play the game.

To prepare this center, copy the paragraph cards in one color and the main idea cards in a different color. Cut out each of the paragraph and main idea cards. You can laminate the cards for durability and repeated use.

Have the answer key handy so that students can check their work.

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In the picture below, the paragraph cards are on blue and the main idea cards are in yellow. Students turn over one card in each color. If the main idea matches the paragraph, they get to keep the card. If not, they flip the cards back over for the next player.



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Instructions

1. Turn all 16 cards upside down and mix them up.
2. Lay the cards out upside down in a 4 x 4 array.
3. Decide who will go first. If you need help deciding, play ONE game of "Rock, Paper, Scissors."
4. The first person turns over 2 cards – one card in each color.
5. If the cards match (one of the cards has the correct main idea for the other card), then that person gets to keep those 2 cards. If the cards do not match, then that person must turn those 2 cards back over so that they are upside down.
5. The second player repeats steps 4 and 5.
6. Continue to take turns until all of the cards have been collected.
7. Whoever has the most cards, wins!

Paragraph Cards

Rain shouldn't keep you from going outside. There are several different items of clothing you can wear so that you don't get wet. For example, rain boots will keep your feet dry. Also, a waterproof jacket can protect you and the clothes you are wearing underneath from getting wet.

If I asked you to think of something dangerous, would you think of rain? Probably not. But rain can cause many problems, especially when it leads to flooding. It is very dangerous to drive on a flooded road. Moving water can be much stronger and more unsafe than it looks.

Everybody knows that umbrellas can help keep you dry when it rains, but did you know that umbrellas have other uses? One of the most important other uses for an umbrella is to help block the sun on a hot day. In addition, some people use umbrellas when decorating their houses.

Although rain can be annoying, humans could not survive without it. We need rain so that we have water to drink. Furthermore, plants that humans need for food must have rain in order to grow.

Paragraph Cards

A fun trip to the beach can be ruined by a sunburn. Prepare for a safe beach trip by bringing sunscreen, sunglasses, and an umbrella to block the sun. By protecting your body, your trip will be much more enjoyable.

Nobody is completely safe from a natural disaster. Although you might be able to avoid some natural disasters, anywhere you live will have some type of bad weather. For example, people who live in Florida do not have to worry about blizzards, but they are more likely to experience hurricanes.

The ocean water you find at the beach is different from the water that rains from the sky. Ocean water is salty and is not good for drinking. Rain water is safe to drink when it has been filtered properly.

Salmon are very unique fish. Most fish can only survive in either fresh water or salt water, but salmon can survive in both! Salmon are born in fresh water, but many of them spend most of their adult lives in salt water. When salmon move from fresh water to salt water, their bodies change so that they can adapt to the salt.

Main Idea Cards

Rain can be dangerous when it leads to flooding.

Wearing the right clothes can keep you dry even when it rains.

Rain is important to humans.

Umbrellas have many uses.

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Everybody is affected by natural disasters.

If you go to the beach, make sure you protect yourself from the sun.

Salmon can survive in both fresh water and salt water.

Ocean water and rain water are different.

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Student Recording Sheet

Use the cards from the matching game to answer the questions below.

1. Write down one of the main ideas you collected. Choose one sentence from the matching paragraph to write down as well.

2. Write at least two sentences explaining some of the facts you learned from the paragraphs in this game.

3. Read the paragraph below.

If I asked you to think of something dangerous, would you think of rain? Probably not. But rain can cause many problems, especially when it leads to flooding – a serious natural disaster. It is very dangerous to drive on a flooded road. Moving water can be much stronger and more unsafe than it looks.

Does the main idea “Rain is important to humans” match this paragraph? Why or why not?

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Answer Key

Main Idea	Paragraph
Wearing the right clothes can keep you dry even when it rains.	Rain shouldn't keep you from going outside. There are several different items of clothing you can wear so that you don't get wet. For example, rain boots will keep your feet dry. Also, a waterproof jacket can protect you and the clothes you are wearing underneath from getting wet.
Umbrellas have many uses.	Everybody knows that umbrellas can help keep you dry when it rains, but did you know that umbrellas have other uses? One of the most important other uses for an umbrella is to help block the sun on a hot day. In addition, some people use umbrellas when decorating their houses.
Rain can be dangerous when it leads to flooding.	If I asked you to think of something dangerous, would you think of rain? Probably not. But rain can cause many problems, especially when it leads to flooding. It is very dangerous to drive on a flooded road. Moving water can be much stronger and more unsafe than it looks.
Rain is important to humans.	Although rain can be annoying, humans could not survive without it. We need rain so that we have water to drink. Furthermore, plants that humans need for food must have rain in order to grow.
If you go to the beach, make sure you protect yourself from the sun.	A fun trip to the beach can be ruined by a sunburn. Prepare for a safe beach trip by bringing sunscreen, sunglasses, and an umbrella to block the sun. By protecting your body, your trip will be much more enjoyable.
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Everybody is affected by natural disasters.	Nobody is completely safe from a natural disaster. Although you might be able to avoid some natural disasters, anywhere you live will have some type of bad weather. For example, people who live in Florida do not have to worry about blizzards, but they are more likely to experience hurricanes.
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