

Essential Question: How can I determine the main topic of text?

Day 7- Read the task cards to identify the main topic/key details. Print copies or use line paper to record answers.

Most magnets are made of iron or nickel. Magnets have a magnetic field. A magnetic field is a force that pulls pieces of iron to it. Magnets can pull or push away other magnets.

What is the topic of this paragraph?

- a. magnets
- b. forces
- c. fields
- d. iron

Solar energy is energy given off by the sun's rays. Plants use energy from the sun to make their food. People can use solar energy to make electricity. It is a renewable resource.

What is the topic of this paragraph?

- a. plants
- b. electricity
- c. resources
- d. solar energy

Your heart is a muscle. Muscles need exercise to stay strong. You should exercise everyday for half an hour or more to keep your heart healthy. Running, playing soccer, dancing, and jumping rope are great exercises for your heart.

What is the topic of this paragraph?

- a. muscles
- b. heart health
- c. soccer
- d. dancing

Everyone knows about lions, cheetahs, and leopards, but have you heard of the serval cat? It is a medium sized African cat. The serval has a small head, large ears, and long legs. Its golden coat has black spots and stripes. The wild serval cat would not make a good pet.

What is the topic of this paragraph?

- a. lions
- b. good pets
- c. serval cats
- d. Africa

An animal's habitat is where an animal lives in the natural world. It is where an animal makes its home. The habitat has food and water for the animal. It has shelter and room to grow. There are many kinds of habitats in the world.

What is the topic of this paragraph?

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| a. homes | b. shelter |
| c. an animal's habitat | d. animals |

Hurricanes are powerful storms with strong winds and heavy rains. Storms are called hurricanes when the wind reaches 74 miles an hour or more. They form over warm ocean water. When they move over land they become weaker.

What is the topic of this paragraph?

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| a. hurricanes | b. oceans |
| c. wind | d. land |

Tornados are very strong windstorms. They are sometimes called funnel clouds because they are shaped like a funnel, bigger at the top and smaller at the bottom. The winds blow in a circle. They can harm trees, houses, and people.

What is the topic of this paragraph?

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| a. funnel clouds | b. wind |
| c. tornados | d. storms |

A blizzard is a big snowstorm. It has winds of 35 miles an hour or more. Blizzards can last from three hours to several days. They are dangerous because you cannot see very far in a blizzard. You need to stay inside during a blizzard.

What is the topic of this paragraph?

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| a. blizzards | b. snow |
| c. storms | d. cold |

Millions of people watch videos on YouTube. It's the second most popular website in the world. Jawed Karim was the first person to ever put a video on YouTube. He made a video at a zoo. Today about five billion videos are seen each day on YouTube.

What is the topic of this paragraph?

- a. the zoo
- b. YouTube
- c. millions
- d. people

Zombie worms are one of the strange animals found in deep ocean habitats. They are only about two inches long. Zombie worms eat bones. If a whale dies and sinks to the bottom of the ocean, Zombie worms eat the bones. These worms help keep the deep ocean clean.

What is the topic of this paragraph?

- a. oceans
- b. whales
- c. zombie worms
- d. homes

Many animals live in a wetland habitat. Beavers, otters, alligators, snakes, and turtles are just a few. Also many insects and birds live in wetlands. Some birds feed on fish that live in the wetlands. Wetlands also provide many plants for animals to eat.

What is the topic of this paragraph?

- a. alligators
- b. plants
- c. wetland animals
- d. birds

Forest habitats are areas with many trees. There are many forest habitats around the world. Most land animals live in forest habitats. Animals and plants in forest habitats depend on each other to survive.

What is the topic of this paragraph?

- a. forest habitats
- b. animals
- c. trees
- d. plants