READING DETECTIVES!

Find the main idea and prove it





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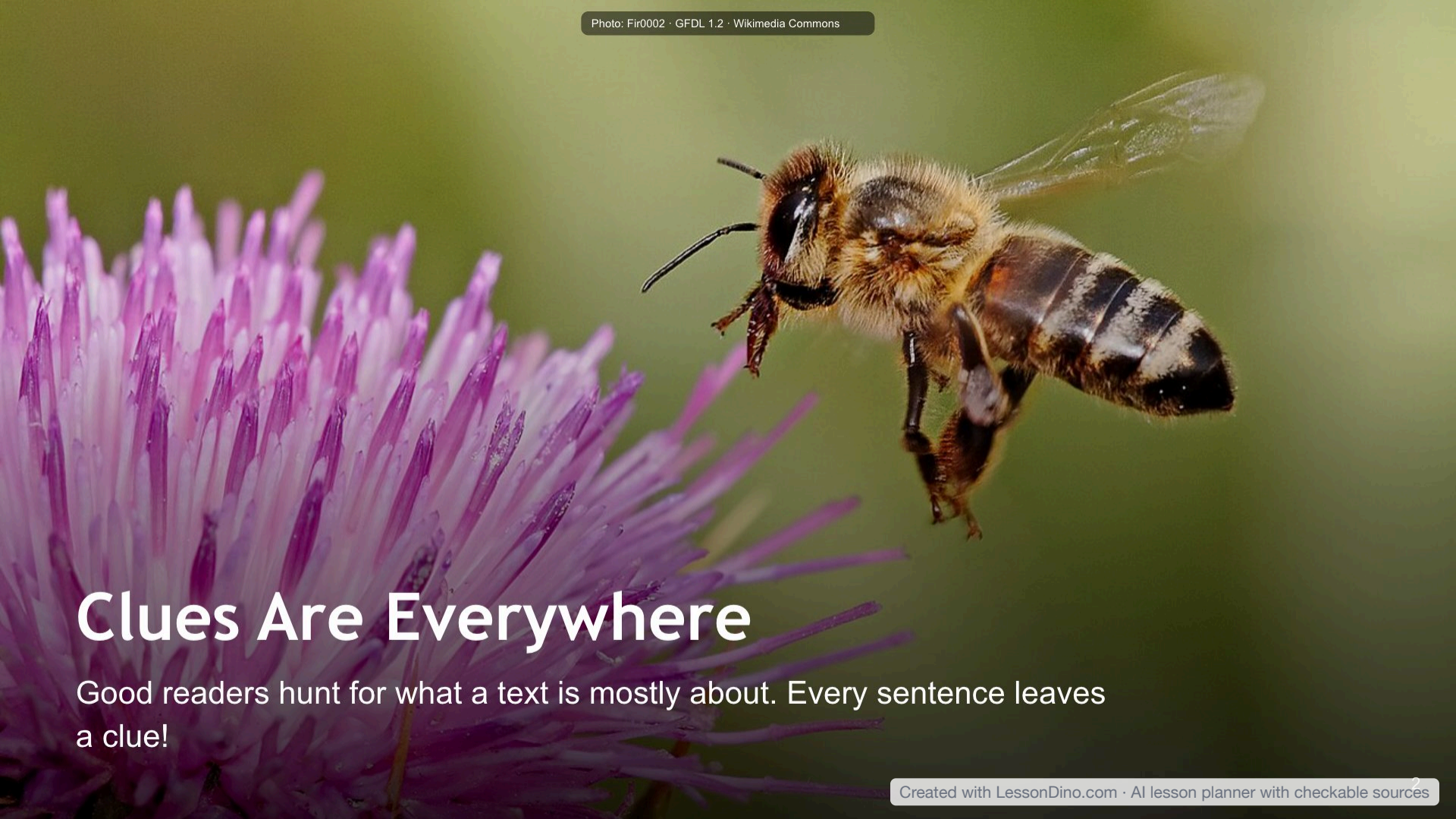


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Clues Are Everywhere

Good readers hunt for what a text is mostly about. Every sentence leaves a clue!

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DETECTIVE TOOLKIT

Main Idea

What the whole text is mostly about.

Key Details

Important sentences that tell more about it.

Support

Details prove the main idea is true.



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BIG IDEA

KEY DETAILS ARE CLUES THAT PROVE THE MAIN IDEA.





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THINK, PAIR, SHARE

IF A TEXT TELLS ABOUT DOGS GUIDING, FINDING, AND CHEERING, WHAT IS IT MOSTLY ABOUT?



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WATCH: BE A READING DETECTIVE



▶ 0:00 – 4:45

- Spot what the text is mostly about
- Listen for details that prove it



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MAP THE CLUES

guide on walks

cheer sad feelings

DOGS HELP

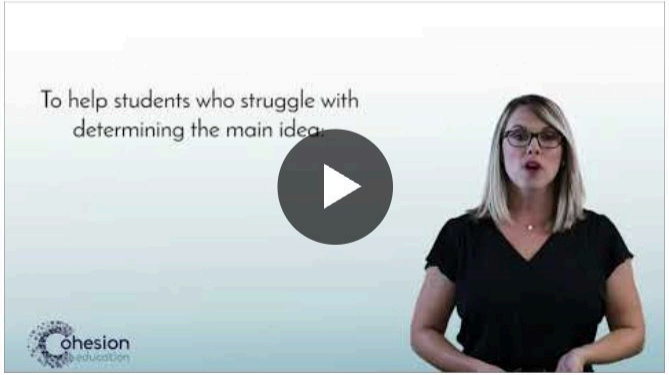
find lost toys

guard the home



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WATCH: PROVE IT WITH DETAILS



▶ 0:00 – 4:17

- Find two key details fast
- Tell how each supports the idea



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YOUR TASK

READ OUR GARDEN TEXT WITH A PARTNER AND CRACK THE CASE.

1. Read: Worms make soil soft. Bees visit flowers. Birds eat bad bugs. Helpers keep our garden growing.
2. Pick the main idea in one sentence.
3. Tell how two details prove it.

10 min

In pairs



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SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

MAIN IDEA

- Tells what text is mostly about
- One big sentence
- Needs proof from details

KEY DETAILS

- Small facts and examples
- Many in one text
- Show why idea is true



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WHAT COULD THIS BE?

I AM MOSTLY ABOUT GARDEN HELPERS. CLUES TELL ABOUT BEES, WORMS, AND BIRDS. WHAT READING JOB AM I?





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QUICK QUIZ

1. What is the main idea?
2. What are key details?
3. How do details support the idea?
4. Read: Worms make soil soft. Bees visit flowers. Birds eat bad bugs. Helpers keep our garden growing. What is the main idea?



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