Objective
The student will identify main idea and supporting details in text.

Materials
- Expository text
  Choose text within students’ instructional-independent reading level range.
- Transparency film
  Select and copy multiple paragraphs from text onto the transparencies.
- Overhead projector
- Vis-à-Vis® markers
- Paper
- Pencils

Activity
Students identify the main idea and supporting details in paragraphs on an overhead projector.
1. Place the transparencies and Vis-à-Vis® markers near the overhead projector. Provide each student with paper.
2. Taking turns, students select a transparency and read the paragraph. Use a Vis-à-Vis® marker to circle the main idea and underline supporting details.
3. Continue until all paragraphs are read and marked.
4. Each student chooses one paragraph and records the main idea and supporting details on paper.
5. Teacher evaluation

Extensions and Adaptations
- Use narrative text.