

Get the Gist

The *Get the Gist* strategy will help you find the main idea as you have to limit the number of words used and so focus on the important ideas rather than on details.

Heading:

Book Page:

1. Scan the page/section.

2. Read the paragraph.

3. Who or what is the paragraph mostly about?

This paragraph is mainly about...

4. What important pieces of information are linked to the 'who' or 'what'?

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5. Put together the answers above and tell the main idea (i.e., what the paragraph was mostly about) in 10 words or less!