

Main? Idea?

Defining Main Idea

Main [*adjective*]

- the most important thing
- for the most part; in the greatest part
- first in rank or importance

Synonyms: cardinal, capital, leading, chief, principal

Idea [*noun*]

- a notion formed by generalization
- a belief or controlling principle

Synonyms: notion; thought; sentiment; impression; view

Main Idea is....

- the most important **thought**
- the greatest **sentiment**
- a **generalization** that's first in rank or importance
- the leading **impression**
- the chief **notion**
- the principal **view**