Teacher Directions

Cut out all the cards and mix them up. Have students read the “A Cow’s Life” comic and then use the text to match each main idea card with the supporting detail cards.

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THAT’S MADE OF LEATHER, AND LEATHER IS REALLY JUST ANIMAL SKIN.

Yeah—it really is gross! Millions of animals are killed for their skin every year and end up as shoes, jackets, belts, bags, and wallets.

I never thought about it that way. That’s horrible!

Leather is a big business. Most leather comes from cows who are treated badly on giant “factory farms.” Every time you buy leather, you’re making animals suffer.

They wanted his flesh to be pale and his muscles weak, so they chained him inside a dark crate that was barely any bigger than his body and fed him liquids that didn’t have enough nutrients in them.

All Bailey did was lie in the dark all day and night feeling scared, lonely, and sick. He ached for freedom and exercise, but he never even got to feel the sun on his back.

The first time he ever saw the sun was when they crammed him and his fellow calves into a truck when he was just 5 months old.
The calves traveled for a long time in the cold, and by the time the truck stopped, some calves had fallen over and been stepped on by mistake by the others. Bailey was so tired, weak, and hurt from being stepped on that he couldn’t even stand up.

All the calves were scared and didn’t want to get off the truck, so workers poke them with electric prods that made them cry out in pain.

Luckily, some kind people found him and brought him here, where we nursed him back to health.

Now he can graze in a pasture all day and play in the sun with his friend Jimmy.
‘A Cow’s Life’:
Main Idea and Supporting Details Sort
Answer Sheet

Note: Students can record the supporting details in any order.

Main Idea 1: Some people don’t know where leather comes from.
Supporting Details: ♥, □, ○

Main Idea 2: Bailey felt miserable living on the factory farm.
Supporting Details: □, △

Main Idea 3: Calves were crammed into a truck and taken on a scary journey.
Supporting Details: □, ○, ○

Main Idea 4: People at the sanctuary took care of Bailey.
Supporting Details: □□, △
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Student Worksheet

Directions: Fill in the blanks with the shapes located on the supporting detail cards for each main idea.

Main Idea 1: Some people don’t know where leather comes from.
Supporting Details: __________, __________, __________

Main Idea 2: Bailey felt miserable living on the factory farm.
Supporting Details: __________, __________

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Supporting Details: __________, __________, __________

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