

# 'A Rat's Life':

## Main Idea and Supporting Details Sort

### Teacher Directions

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

### Main Idea 1

Rats are friendly and playful.

### Main Idea 2

Animals used in experiments are treated cruelly.

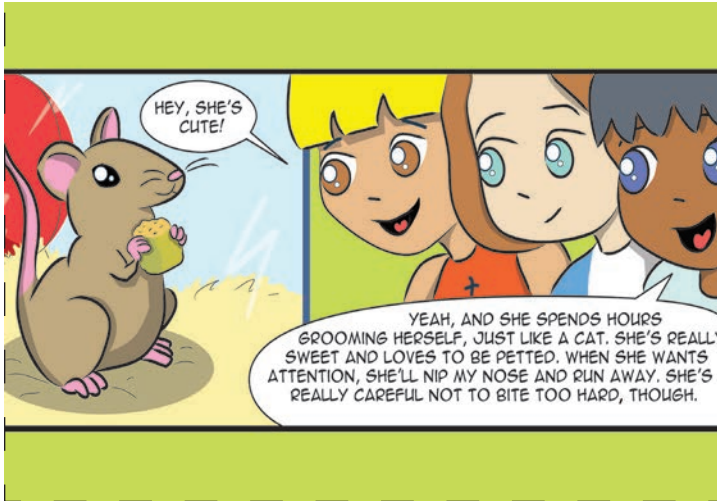
### Main Idea 3

Many people only use products that aren't tested on animals.

### Main Idea 4

There are lots of modern research methods that don't hurt animals.

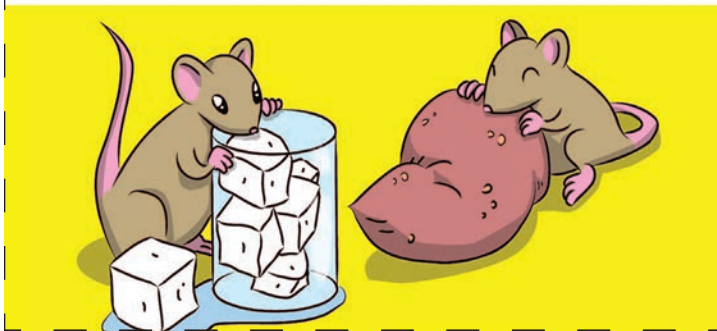
## Supporting Detail



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IF I LEAVE A GLASS OF ICE WATER ON THE FLOOR FOR HER, SHE'LL TAKE OUT EACH ICE CUBE AND CARRY IT AWAY FROM THE GLASS IN HER TEETH. SWEET POTATOES ARE HER FAVORITE TREAT. SHE LOVES THEM.



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THE RESEARCHERS DIDN'T CARE ABOUT THE ANIMALS. SOME WOULD THROW THEM INTO A COOLER, EVEN THOUGH THEY WERE STILL ALIVE, OR CUT THE ANIMALS' HEADS OFF WITH SCISSORS. THEY LAUGHED WHILE THEY WERE DOING MEAN THINGS TO THE ANIMALS.



## Supporting Detail



EVEN DOG- AND CAT-FOOD COMPANIES CONDUCT CRUEL TESTS TO MEASURE HOW EFFECTIVE THEIR FOOD IS. DURING THE LONG TESTS, DOGS AND CATS ARE OFTEN FORCED TO LIVE FOR YEARS IN COLD, EMPTY CAGES WITH NO TOYS.



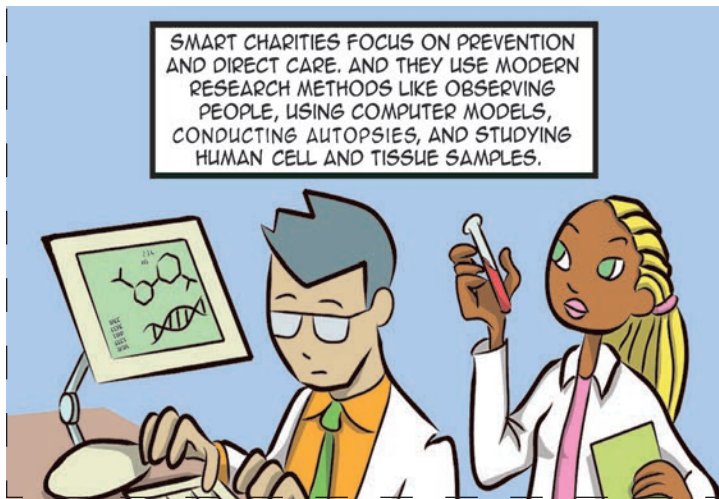
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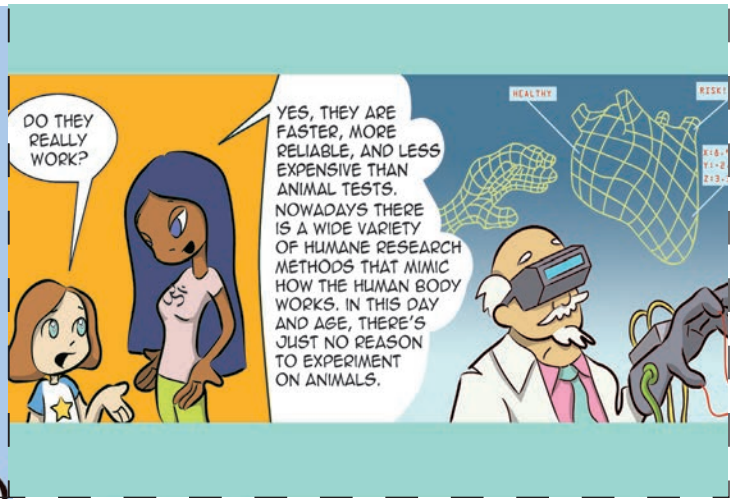
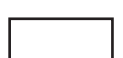
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## Main Idea and Supporting Details Sort Answer Sheet

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

**Main Idea 1:** Rats are friendly and playful.

**Supporting Details:** ♡, □, ○

**Main Idea 2:** Animals used in experiments are treated cruelly.

**Supporting Details:** □, △, □

**Main Idea 3:** Many people only use products that aren't tested on animals.

**Supporting Details:** ⊙, ♡

**Main Idea 4:** There are lots of modern research methods that don't hurt animals.

**Supporting Details:** □, △

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# 'A Rat's Life': Main Idea and Supporting Details Sort Student Worksheet

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

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**Main Idea 1:** Rats are friendly and playful.

**Supporting Details:** \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

**Main Idea 2:** Animals used in experiments are treated cruelly.

**Supporting Details:** \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

**Main Idea 3:** Many people only use products that aren't tested on animals.

**Supporting Details:** \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

**Main Idea 4:** There are lots of modern research methods that don't hurt animals.

**Supporting Details:** \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

