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## Part II

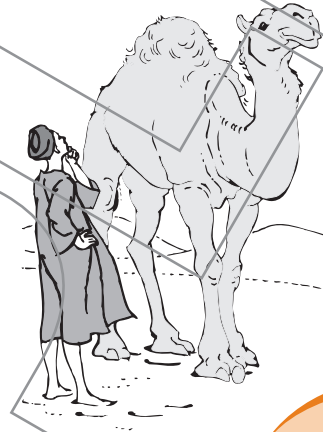
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# Using an Idea Web

One way to find the main ideas and supporting details is to use a graphic organizer, such as the **idea web** below. The main idea is written in the center of the web. The supporting details are connected by lines to the main idea. The finished idea web will look like a spider's web.

Read the passage. Then complete the idea web below.

Camels have to be approached with care. If a camel doesn't want to be friendly, it may spit at you or cover you with green slime. Or it might suddenly move its long neck toward you and bite your arm, shoulder, or leg. If you are standing too close, it could kick you. Unlike a horse or a mule, a camel can kick with its front or back legs. Worst of all, camels attack without notice. And they don't seem to need a reason.



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The main idea is that camels have to be approached with care. All of the other ovals should show supporting details. The two blank ovals should say "Camels spit" and "Camels kick." These are two supporting details that help tell more about the main idea.

2 What is the *main* lesson, or theme, of this story?

- A Enjoy who you are and what you have.
- B Everyone wants to rule the world.
- C Greed will catch up with you in the end.
- D Live your life to the fullest.

Identifying Theme

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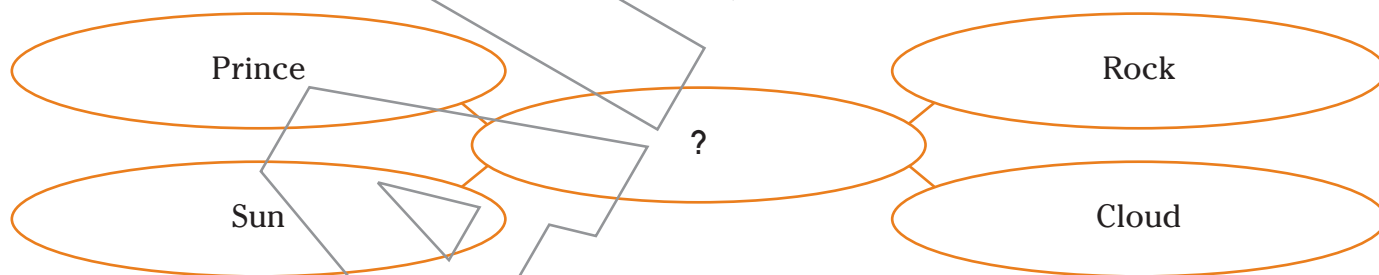
3 What made Hofus want to be a cloud in the sky?

- A He was bored of being a rock.
- B He wanted to flood the village where he lived as a cloud.
- C He no longer wanted to be waited on by ser vants.
- D He thought a cloud was more important than the sun.

4 Which of these is the *best* summary of the story?

- A The mountain spirit helps a poor stonecutter to realize how happy he is with his life.
- B The mountain spirit gives a poor stonecutter riches, such as silk robes and servants.
- C A stonecutter realizes that he is unhappy with his life and wants a new life.
- D A stonecutter causes a lot of problems for people in the village by becoming the sun and clouds.

Use this idea web to answer question 5.



5 Which of these belongs in the center space?

- A The mountain spirit knew Hofus was happy as a stonecutter.
- B The mountain spirit changed Hofus into many things.
- C Hofus wanted to change his life around.
- D Hofus was bored with his life.

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Before you read the next selection, look at the title and the photograph. Use the title and photograph to predict the main idea.

My main idea prediction: \_\_\_\_\_

### My Cat

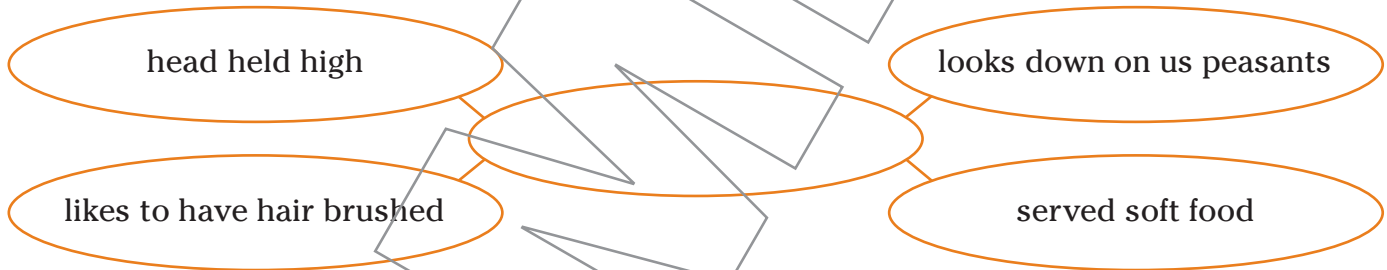
Sheba walks around thinking she is royalty.  
Her head is held high like a great queen.  
She likes to climb our bookcases and sit at the top.  
Looking down on us peasants, she quietly watches.

Sheba's long hair is all shades of brown mixed together.  
I am like a servant girl brushing the hair of a queen.  
Then I give Sheba pets on her back and her head.  
She enjoys it and looks in the distance with a regal face.

Twice a day, I serve food to Sheba.  
She likes soft food, so I give her a can of chicken meat.  
After she eats, I can pick her up and put her in my lap.  
She gives me a big lick on the cheek with her rough tongue.  
Would a queen do that?



1 Fill in the missing space in this idea web.



2 What is the poet trying to show in this poem?

- A how a cat eats
- B how a cat can be a pet
- C how a cat is like a queen
- D how a cat can give big rough licks

3 What does the speaker feed her cat?

- A milk
- B chicken
- C fish
- D beef