

## 5:1a Main Idea and Details

**A paragraph** is a group of sentences that talk about one subject. Usually, the paragraph makes one important point. This point is called the *main idea*.

Sometimes the main idea of a paragraph is stated in one sentence. The sentence might be at the beginning, middle, or end of the paragraph. The details support the main idea by giving examples of the important point.

Read the passages, on the following pages. Find each main idea and two or more supporting details:

*buena* **buena** *dios* **dios** Maria has quite a talent for learning languages. She learned Spanish from her grandfather when she was still a baby. Before she started to school, she could speak Italian with the butcher and French with the dry cleaner.

## 5:1b Main Idea and Details

*Some artists use oil paints when they work. Others use water colors. Still other artists draw with ink. Artists may choose their own materials.*

*An opera is a kind of story. It is told entirely through song. The men and women in the story sing everything to each other. No words are spoken. Operas have been written in several different languages.*



*Marcus wrote out invitations to the kids he wanted to invite to the party. Then he made out a list of the food he knew his friends would like. He also decided on the games and records the thought everyone would enjoy. Planning a party was a lot of work, but Marcus knew it would be worth it.*