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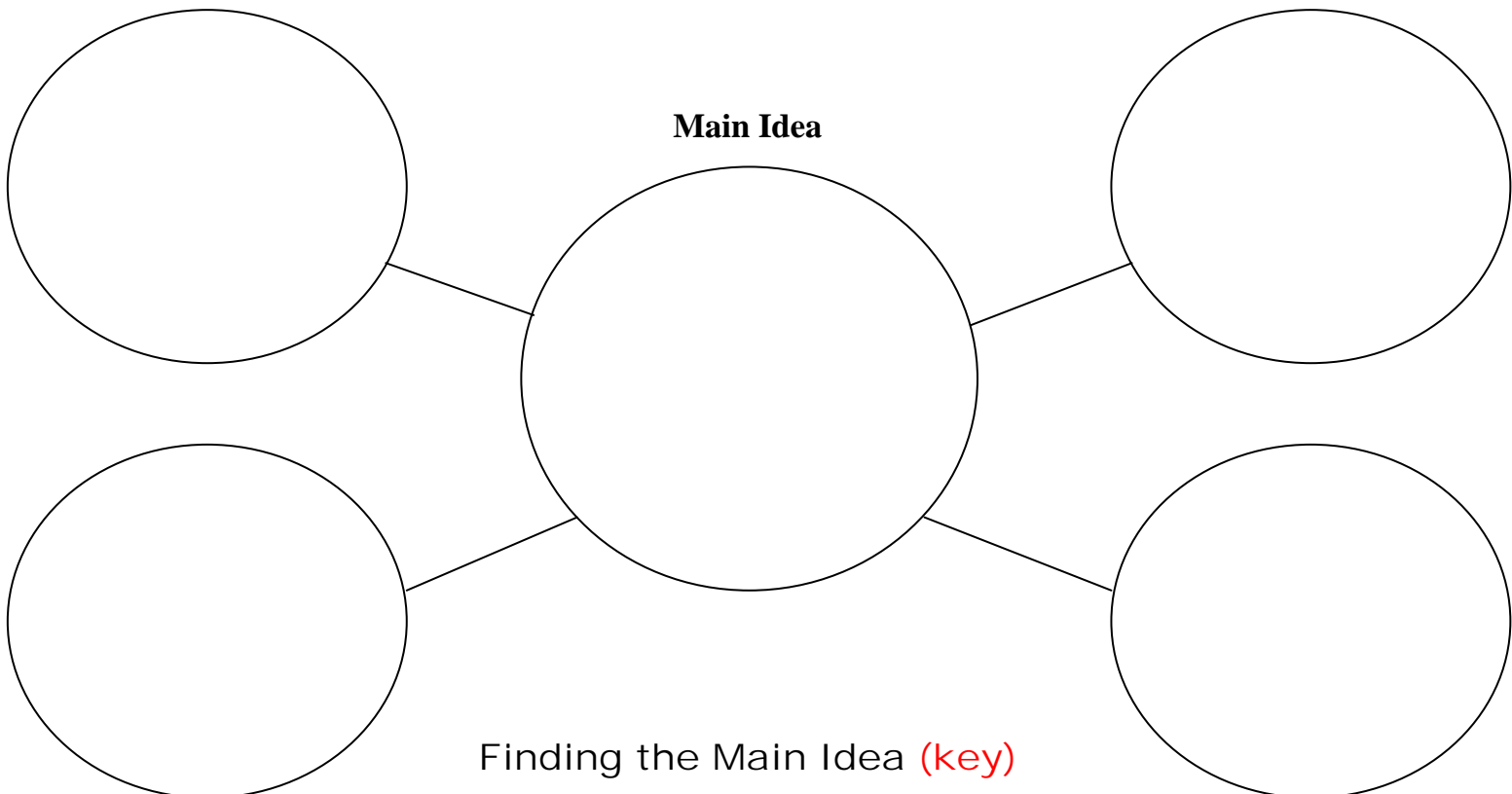
Finding the Main Idea

Read the paragraph below. Then, determine the main idea and four supporting details.

Common First Words

Do you remember the first words that you spoke as a baby? Chances are you don't, since it was such a long time ago! Many babies begin speaking as early as 11 months, and some do not say one word until they are about 2 years old. Nevertheless, there are certain words that are well-known first words of babies. The most common first word, as you may have guessed, is either "Mama" or "Dada". But as babies move onto words that are not names for their parents, they begin to say things like "hi" when they see someone. Another common first word is "dog" or "cat", since those are popular household pets. Finally, babies typically start to speak by saying "yes" or "no" as their first words. It is unusual that babies' first words will be something complicated, like "octopus" or "banana"; those words come much later.

Complete the figure below with the main idea and four supporting ideas from the text.



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