

IDEAS & CONTENT

<p style="font-size: 1.5em; font-weight: bold; margin: 0;">6...</p> <p>A. My paper is crystal clear from the first sentence to the last. It is very easy to tell what my main idea is.</p> <p>B. Every detail relates plainly to my main idea. My paper is focused.</p> <p>C. I know this topic well, and the reader can tell that by reading my paper.</p> <p>D. I was careful to choose interesting, unusual details that would keep readers reading.</p>	<p style="font-size: 1.5em; font-weight: bold; margin: 0;">5...</p> <p>A. This paper makes sense. It is not confusing or vague. I think this topic is well defined and manageable; it's not too big.</p> <p>B. Almost everything I write relates to my main idea.</p> <p>C. I know quite a bit about this topic.</p> <p>D. Most of my details go beyond the obvious. The reader may gain some insight or learn one or two interesting things by reading.</p>	<p style="font-size: 1.5em; font-weight: bold; margin: 0;">4...</p> <p>A. The reader can tell what my main idea is. I may have a moment of confusing or vague writing. This topic still needs to be smaller.</p> <p>B. Most of what I write relates to my main idea.</p> <p>C. I know some things about this topic. If I knew more, or if I'd thought about it more, the paper would be stronger.</p> <p>D. Some interesting or unusual details stand out. At other moments, I let my writing get too general, or I repeat things.</p>
<p style="font-size: 1.5em; font-weight: bold; margin: 0;">3...</p> <p>A. The reader probably can guess what my main idea is. Some parts are not clear, though. I think it would help to make this topic smaller.</p> <p>B. Some of this information isn't really related to my main idea.</p> <p>C. I need to know more about this topic to do a really good job.</p> <p>D. I have a few interesting details, but the reader must hunt for them. A lot of this writing is just general information.</p>	<p style="font-size: 1.5em; font-weight: bold; margin: 0;">2...</p> <p>A. My main idea is hard to figure out. I think the reader will wonder what I am trying to say. Maybe my topic is too big - or it's just unclear.</p> <p>B. A lot of this information does not relate to my main idea.</p> <p>C. I did not know much about my topic. Mostly I wrote to fill space.</p> <p>D. I need a lot more detail. This does not say much.</p>	<p style="font-size: 1.5em; font-weight: bold; margin: 0;">1...</p> <p>A. I do not even <i>have</i> a main idea. I wrote whatever came into my head.</p> <p>B. This is just a list of facts and events.</p> <p>C. This is unclear and confusing. Most readers will not keep reading.</p> <p>D. I really don't include any details.</p>

