How Do You Find Facts and Details?

You can find the facts and details in a reading passage by thinking about the main idea. Once you know the main idea, you can find the details that tell more about the main idea. Read the passage below.

Jarred was very excited when he came to school today. He could barely sit still in class. At lunch, Jarred finally told us why he couldn’t stop smiling. Jarred’s mother is going to have a baby.

First, find the main idea of the passage. It’s in the last sentence.

Next, let’s find the details that tell more about the main idea.

Look at the web below. The circle tells the main idea.

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At lunch, Jarred finally told us why he couldn’t stop smiling.

Look at the ovals connected to the circle. The ovals show the facts and details that tell more about the main idea.

You just found facts and details!