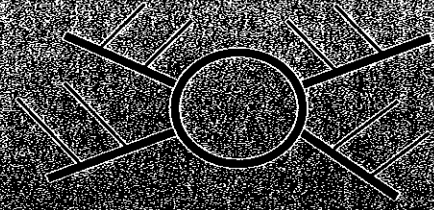


Comprehension
ELL Strategy: Spider Web
Example: Main Idea and Details



Procedures:

1. After reading the selection, introduce or review the concept of main idea and details.
2. Model by using your hand to demonstrate that the hand is the main idea and the details are the five fingers. The fingers all look different but still are connected to the hand.
3. Use a story selection to model the spider web. Write the main idea in the center and the details on the connecting lines.
4. Make extensions by modeling additional and less important information to each detail.

FAQ: How can a graphic organizer such as the spider web help younger students understand main idea and details? All nonlinguistic representations offer images to help transform the context of the reading material into a visual students can understand. ELLs strongly benefit from these images.