

‘A Rat’s Life’:

Main Idea and Supporting Details Sort

Teacher Directions

Cut out all the cards and mix them up. Have students read the “A Rat’s Life” comic and then use the text to match each main idea card with the supporting detail cards.

Main Idea 1

Rats are friendly
and playful.

Main Idea 2

Animals used
in experiments are
treated cruelly.

Main Idea 3

Many people only use
products that aren’t
tested on animals.

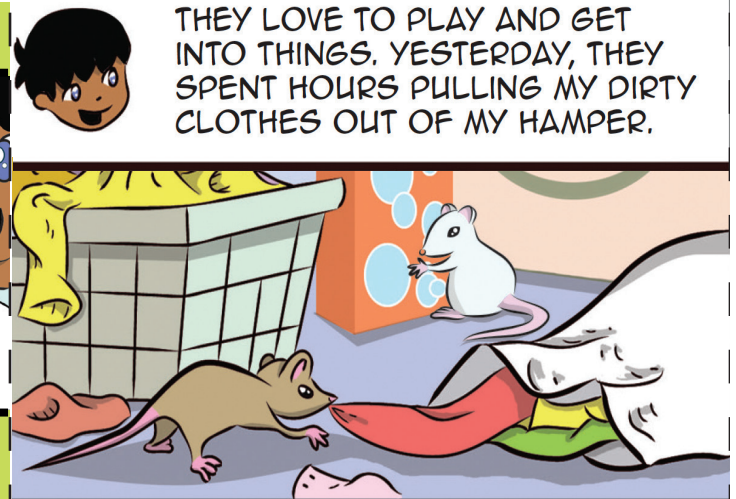
Main Idea 4

There are lots of modern
research methods that
don’t hurt animals.

Supporting Detail



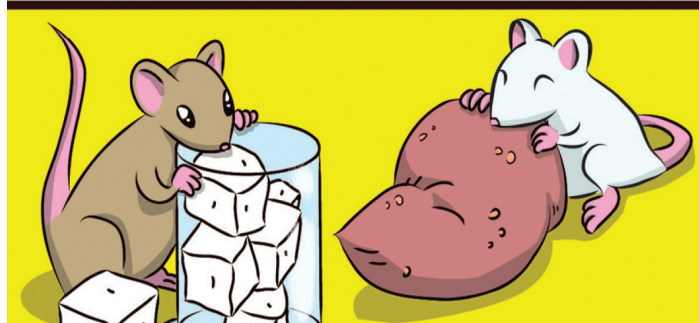
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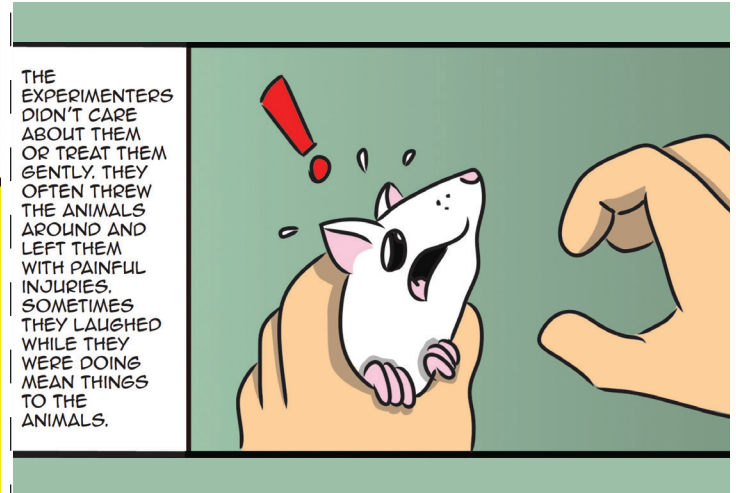
Supporting Detail



IF I LEAVE A GLASS OF ICE WATER ON THE FLOOR FOR THEM, THEY TAKE OUT EACH ICE CUBE AND CARRY IT AWAY FROM THE GLASS IN THEIR TEETH. THEY ALSO LOVE TREATS—RAINEY'S FAVORITE IS SWEET POTATOES.



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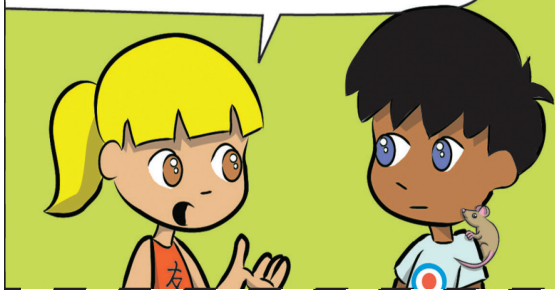
EVEN DOG AND CAT FOOD COMPANIES TEST ON ANIMALS. DURING THESE LONG, CRUEL TESTS, THE DOGS AND CATS CAN BE FORCED TO LIVE FOR YEARS IN COLD, EMPTY CAGES WITHOUT ANY TOYS OR ANYTHING TO DO.



Supporting Detail



OUR COUSIN WON'T BUY ANY MAKEUP MADE BY COMPANIES THAT TEST ON ANIMALS. SHE SAYS THERE'S NO EXCUSE FOR BUYING THOSE THINGS WHEN THERE ARE SO MANY OTHER COMPANIES THAT DON'T TEST ON ANIMALS.



Supporting Detail



RIGHT. THOUSANDS OF BIG COMPANIES, LIKE THE BODY SHOP, TOM'S OF MAINE, E.L.F., METHOD, WET N WILD, YES TO, AND PACIFICA DON'T TEST ON ANIMALS.



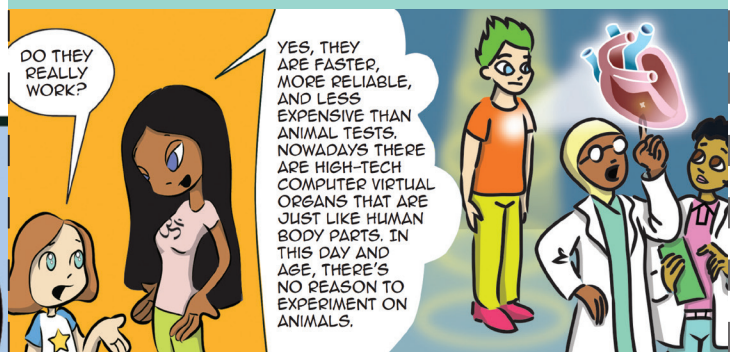
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SMART CHARITIES FOCUS ON PREVENTION AND CARE. AND THEY USE MODERN RESEARCH METHODS LIKE OBSERVING HUMANS, USING COMPUTER MODELS, CONDUCTING AUTOPSIES, AND STUDYING HUMAN CELL AND TISSUE SAMPLES.



Supporting Detail



‘A Rat’s Life’:

Main Idea and Supporting Details Sort Answer Sheet

Note: *Students can record the supporting details in any order.*

Main Idea 1: Rats are friendly and playful.

Supporting Details: ♡, □, ○

Main Idea 2: Animals used in experiments are treated cruelly.

Supporting Details: □, △, □

Main Idea 3: Many people only use products that aren’t tested on animals.

Supporting Details: ☹, ♡

Main Idea 4: There are lots of modern research methods that don’t hurt animals.

Supporting Details: □, △

Name _____ Date _____

‘A Rat’s Life’: Main Idea and Supporting Details Sort Student Worksheet

Directions: Fill in the blanks with the shapes located on the supporting detail cards for each main idea.

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Main Idea 1: Rats are friendly and playful.

Supporting Details: _____, _____, _____

Main Idea 2: Animals used in experiments are treated cruelly.

Supporting Details: _____, _____, _____

Main Idea 3: Many people only use products that aren’t tested on animals.

Supporting Details: _____, _____

Main Idea 4: There are lots of modern research methods that don’t hurt animals.

Supporting Details: _____, _____

