

Writing the Thesis, the Trunk of the Tree

The central idea that holds it all up

Grade 3 • Cluster 2 • Module 2

WHAT WE ARE LEARNING

This week your child is learning to write the **thesis**, the trunk of the tree, the one clear central idea that the whole answer grows from.

Esta semana su hijo aprende a escribir la idea central, el tronco del que crece toda la respuesta.

NOTICE IT TOGETHER

When your child tells you about something big, ask them for the one main idea first, before the details. That main idea is the trunk.

Cuando su hijo cuente algo, pídale primero la idea principal, antes de los detalles.

TALK ABOUT IT

Ask your child: "If your whole answer had to stand on one sentence, what would that sentence be?"

Pregunte: si toda tu respuesta se apoyara en una oracion, cual seria?

TRY THIS TOGETHER (NO MATERIALS NEEDED)

Play **Trunk First**. Name any subject, and each of you must say the single biggest, most important idea about it in one sentence before adding anything else.

Jueguen a Primero el Tronco. Digan un tema y cada uno da la idea mas importante en una oracion.

How to help without giving the answer. Just keep asking, is that the biggest idea, or a small detail? Help your child tell the difference between the trunk and the branches.