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### Central Idea and Supporting Details Identification Practice

**Learning Goal:** Students will identify the central idea and supporting details of a text then explain their reasoning. find tell why

**Directions:** Use deep reading strategies to find the central idea and supporting details. Highlight and label the details then explain your answer.

**Topic:** The white footed mouse.

**Central Idea:** There are many benefits to the white-footed mouse being able to make music.

**Supporting Detail #1: Paragraph #** 3

**Supporting Detail #2: Paragraph #** 4

1. There are many different kinds of mice. Some are good swimmers; others like to swing from trees by their tails. One kind, the white-footed mouse, is not only a good swimmer and tree climber, but it also plays music. There are many benefits to the white-footed mouse being able to make music.  
central idea

2. This small, furry creature's body is about 8 inches long, with a tail of 3 inches, and weighs only about 0.8 ounces. The white-footed mouse also has many different names. For example, some people call the white-footed mouse the "wood mouse" because it lives in so many wooded areas in North America. Other people call the white-footed mouse the "deer mouse" because it's fur is the same colors as a deer's. The white-footed mouse runs along the ground looking for food, like: seeds, nuts, leaves, bark, and insects. Researcher John McCleary found that the mouse will find a hole in the ground and whistle into it, so that it can easily hear if there are little insects to eat.  
supporting detail 3

3. Another reason the white-footed mouse is considered to be the musical mouse is because it often makes a drumming sound. It does this by tapping its paws very fast on a dead leaf or hollow log to make a drumming sound. Research says, that the drumming sound is used to communicate with other white-footed mice that are a long way away.  
supporting detail 1

Although the mouse lives in the woods with many other animals, it is considered to be the most interesting of all. The mouse can also create music with its ears. It rubs its ears together to create a sound that can be heard only by other white-footed mice. **A study by the University of Davis states that the sound from the ears tells the other mice that there is a bad animal close.**

So the next time you're in the woods, walk quietly. There might be a white-footed mouse nearby, and you would not want to interrupt a mouse in the middle of its song.

### Explanation

The **central idea** of the article is there are many benefits to the white-footed mouse being able to make music.

because the article is mostly about the white footed mouse being able to make music.

The **first supporting detail** in the article is research says that the drumming sound is used to communicate with other white-footed mice that are a long way away.

because it is talking about sound that is used to communicate with other white footed mice that a long way away.

The **second supporting detail** in the article is a study by the university of Davis states that the sound from the ears  
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The **third supporting detail** in the article is researcher John McCleary found that the mouse will find a hole in the ground  
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