**Understanding a text – main idea and details**

Three kinds of newspapers are published in Rockland City: the dailies, the weeklies, and the monthlies. Published every day, the dailies devote most of their space to local news and to advertisements for local merchants. On the other hand, the weeklies - published only on Sundays, stress summaries of national and international news and also provide a great deal of material on the business worlds, especially on what happened on Wall Street during the preceding week. A good example of a weekly is the Rockland Bugler, the most popular and the most costly of this kind of paper. The last type are the monthlies (which are published on the first Wednesday of each month). They are really more like tabloids than anything else, with human-interest stories, colour paragraphs, Hollywood gossip columnists, and sensational murder trials.

1. Find the main idea.

Three kinds of newspapers are published in Rockland City: the dailies, the weeklies, and the monthlies.

1. Specify the topic of the topic sentence.

Three kinds of newspapers are published in Rockland City:

1. Specify the controlling ideas of the topic sentence.

the dailies, the weeklies, and the monthlies.

1. Find the transitional expression that introduces each controlling idea.

Published every day,

On the other hand,

The last type

1. Find the main idea in the conclusion.

There is no conclusion

1. Indicate how the word ‘dailies’ is explained.

Published every day

1. Indicate how the word “the weeklies’ is explained.

published only on Sundays

1. Indicate how the word ‘the monthlies’ is explained.

(which are published on the first Wednesday of each month).

1. For which category is an example given?

3rd: Example: They are really more like tabloids than anything else, with human-interest stories, colour paragraphs, Hollywood gossip columnists, and sensational murder trials.

1. Give a title to this text (remember the 3 types of titles you have learned)

Three kinds of newspapers published in Rockland City: the dailies, the weeklies, and the monthlies

OR

The types of newspapers in Rockland City: the dailies, the weeklies, and the monthlies

OR

The dailies, the weeklies and the monthlies in Rockland City

OR

The newspapers of Rockland City