**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.
2. Specify the topic of the topic sentence.
3. Specify the controlling ideas of the topic sentence.
4. Find the transitional expression that introduces each controlling idea.
5. Find the main idea in the conclusion.
6. Indicate how the word ‘dailies’ is explained.
7. Indicate how the word “the weeklies’ is explained.
8. Indicate how the word ‘the monthlies’ is explained.
9. For which category is an example given?
10. Give a title to this text (remember the 3 types of titles you have learned)