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### reading comprehension skills

- a) The reason you read a text is the purpose for reading.
- b) The main idea refers to what is most important in a paragraph or story.
- c) The ability to read and understand the meaning of a text is called reading comprehension.
- d) Choosing the main idea, sequencing, recognizing inferences and conclusions, and using context clues are all \_\_\_\_\_.





There are many skills you can use to improve your **reading comprehension** (the ability to read and understand the meaning of a text). One of these skills is finding the main idea. The **main idea** of a reading selection is its most important part. The main idea is also what the author wants you to understand or remember about the selection. Other reading comprehension skills include: sequencing, recognizing inferences and conclusions, and using context clues.



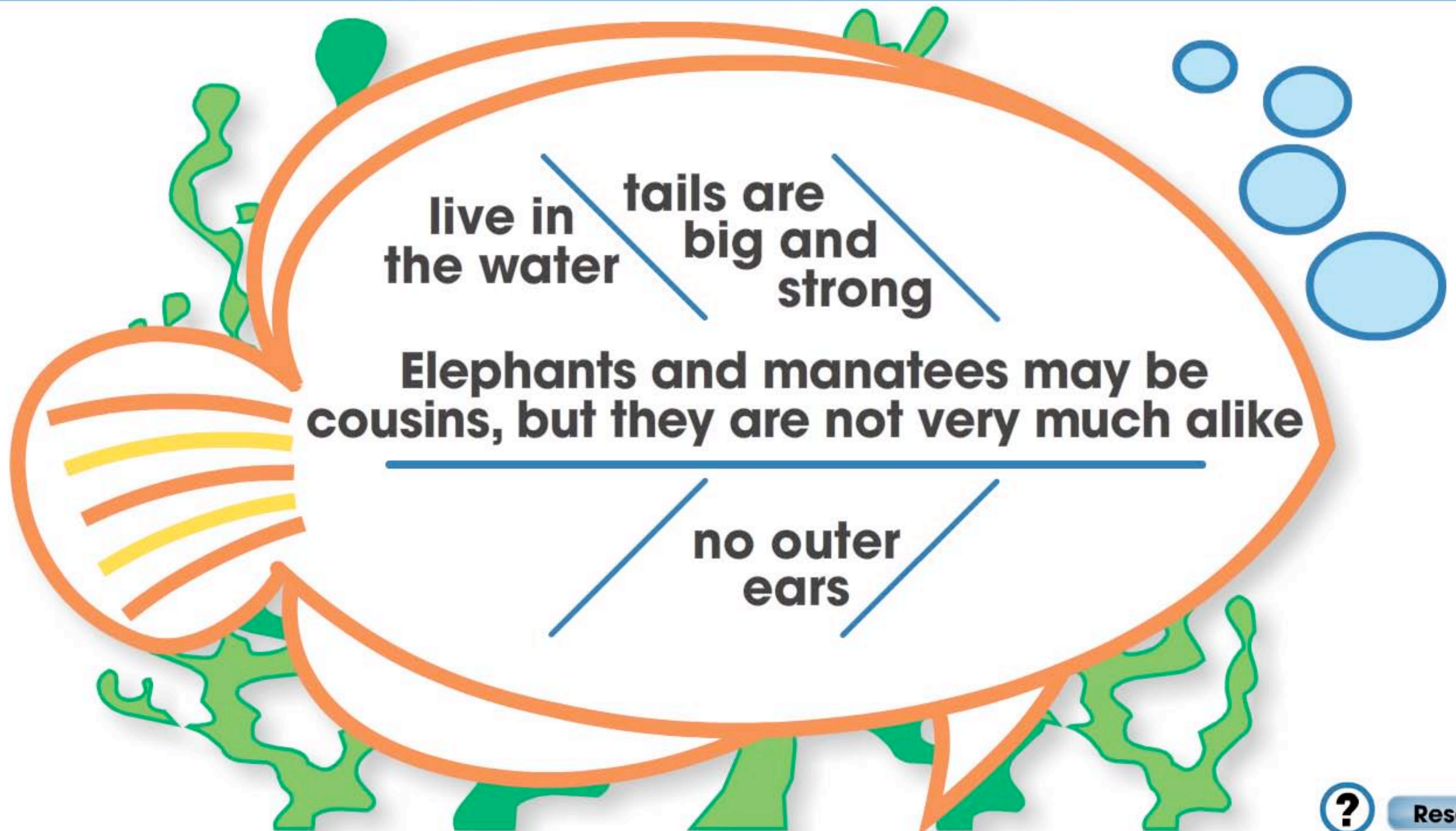
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# Fishbone Map

Florida manatees are elephant's cousins. They live in the water near the coast of Florida. They are big and strong instead of small. They have large ears of an elephant, the manatees do not. **WELL DONE!** Elephants and manatees may be cousins, but they are not very much alike.



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