

# **The Main Idea Strategy**

## **Critical Definitions**

### **Lesson 1**

**Mnemonic for assisting students in remembering critical definitions:  
(Topic, Essential Details, Clarifying Details, Main Idea)**

**TED C. DIM could not spell his last name correctly!**

**T OPIC**

**E SSENTIAL**

**D ETAIL**

**C LARIFYING**

**D ETAIL**

**I DEA**

**M AIN**

**\*Remember, TED cannot remember how to spell his last name? You have to switch the 'I' and the 'M' around!**

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*\*Critical Definitions for Lesson One are found on page 39 of the Teacher Instructional Manual*