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Write two supporting ideas for the main idea.

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Actual wording and supporting ideas will vary. Example of correct answers:

Write the main idea of the paragraph in your own words.

Meerkats live in groups to help each other.

Write two supporting ideas for the main idea.

1. **All meerkats in a group take care of the baby meerkats.**

2. **Meerkats in a group take turns watching out for danger.**
