




-  You can see that this article is about worms and worm farming. Make a K-W-L chart before you read any further. Under “K,” type what you know about worms and worm farming. For example, perhaps you already know what worms eat. Under “W,” type what you want to know about worms and worm farming. Maybe you’re curious about whether one person can run a worm-farming business. Leave the L column blank for now. You’ll fill that in after you’ve finished the article.

-  The schwa vowel sound—pronounced “uh”—can be spelled with any vowel. It is contained in the words Ill-uh-nois, prod-uh-cts, s-uh-ggested, and wood-uh-n? Can you hear it? Find it in three other words in the selection.

-  The main idea is the most important idea in a paragraph. Often the main idea is stated in one of the paragraph’s sentences. Which sentence states the main idea of the second paragraph?

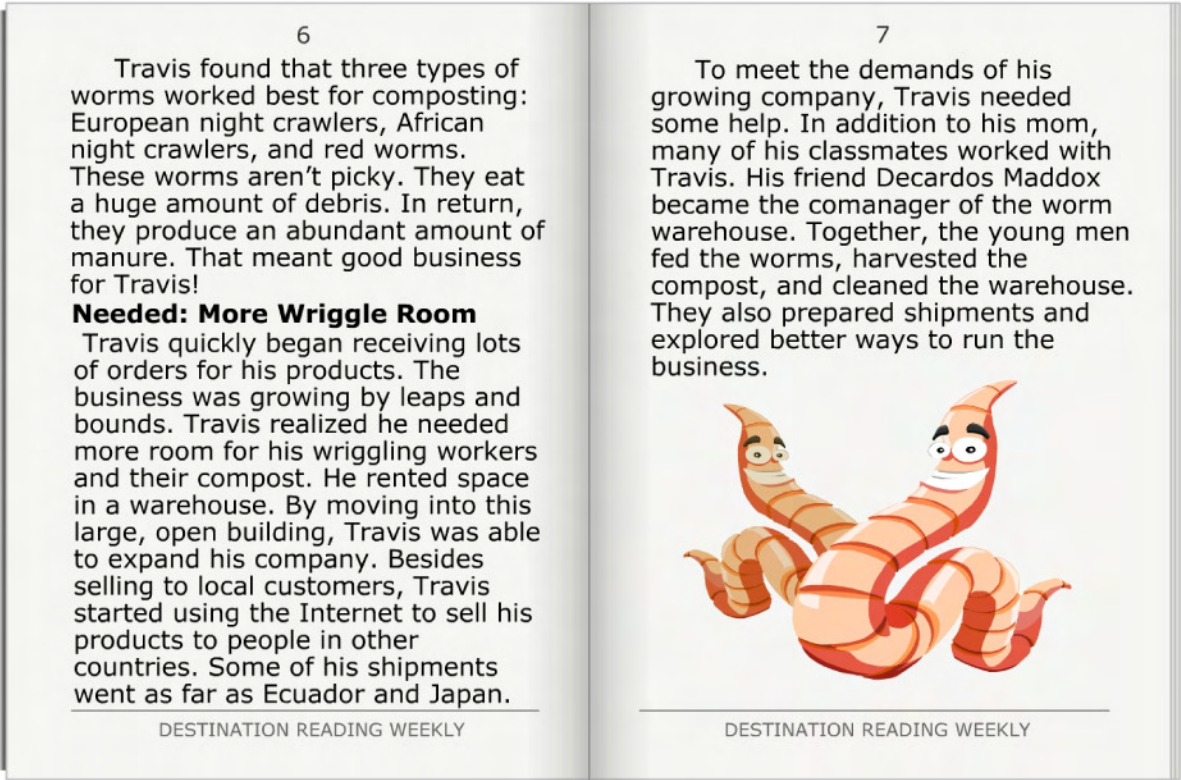
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Why did Travis’s business get better after he found that three types of worms worked best for composting?



Each paragraph in this article has one main idea, but the main idea is not always stated. What is the main idea of the second paragraph? Since the main idea is not directly stated, think about the topic of the paragraph and what the sentences say about this topic as you form your answer.

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In return for his friends' help, Travis made deals with them. Once, his schoolmates needed extra money to buy sports equipment for the school team. Travis used proceeds from his business to buy what was needed. Then, he employed his classmates, at the rate of \$5 per hour, to repay the loan.



Travis Wins an Award

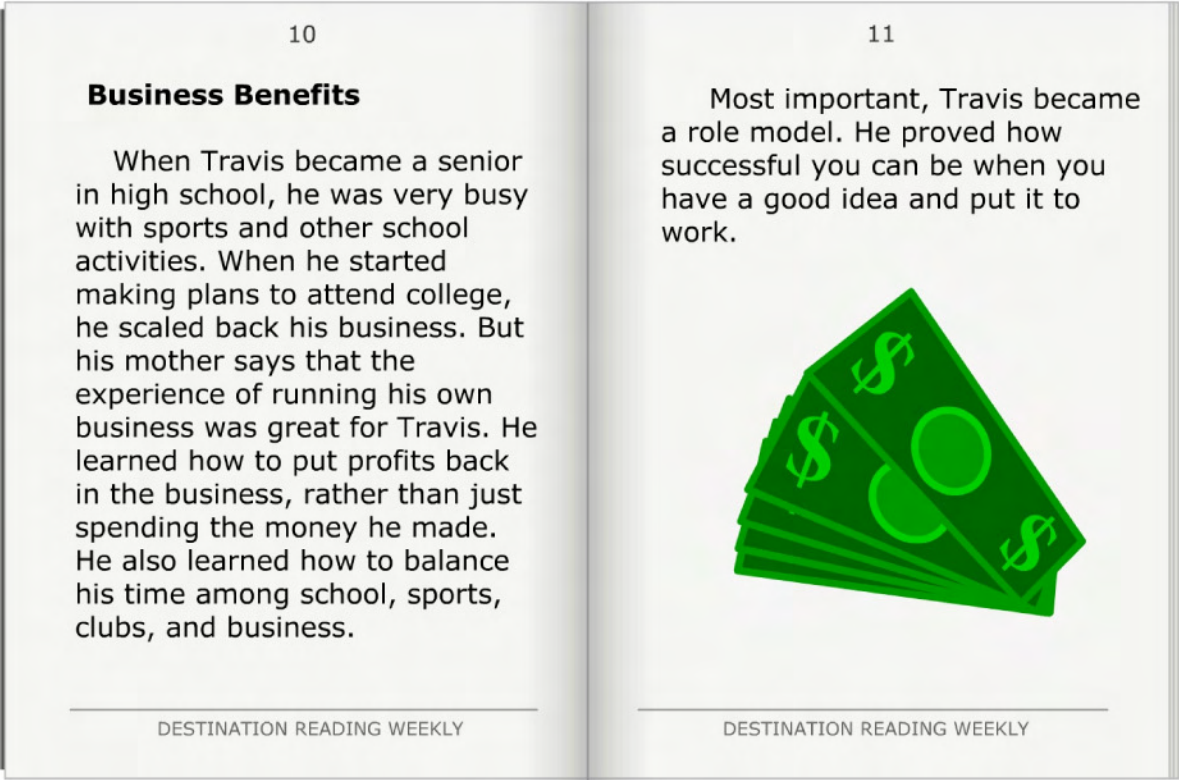
In 2000, Travis won a Kidpreneurs Award. This award honors young entrepreneurs, or people who have started their own businesses. Travis was invited to attend a special conference for 120 young African-American entrepreneurs at Walt Disney World® in Orlando, Florida. There, Travis and other Kidpreneurs took classes in finance and learned how to create business plans. They also learned methods for selling their products and services.

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The letter “a” often has the schwa sound “uh” when it is the first syllable of a word. Listen to the sound the first “a” make in these words: award. Attend.

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What context clue can help you figure out the meaning of the word profits?



Magazine articles usually have headings like this to tell you what the different sections are about. Sometimes the headings give information but are also humorous. Which headings added some humor to this article?
