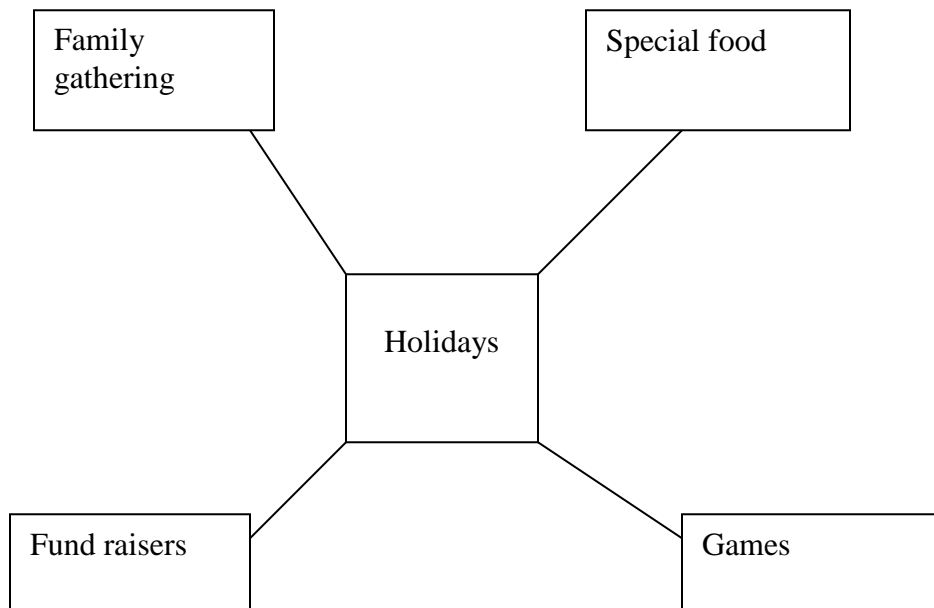


Magnet Word Strategy

A magnet word is a key word in a passage. After reading a section, you might ask yourself what the passage was about. A word that summarizes that section would be a magnet word. Magnet words attract supporting details or words that describe or go along with them.

For example, the magnet word for a passage on holidays would be “Holidays.” The supporting details might be the specific details discussed in the passage such as family gatherings, special food, games, and fund raisers for people in need.



Magnet words are simply main idea words that supporting details stick to in a paragraph or passage. You can look for magnet words when reading anything. After reading a paragraph or a part of the passage, stop and ask yourself what that part was about. All of the details in that part should be about the magnet word(s) you pull out or create to summarize that section.