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- Read the paragraph below. Fill in the chart with details.
Then fill in the unstated main idea.

Possible responses are shown.

Most landforms need millions of years to take shape, but a few are created very rapidly. The Palm Islands are examples of landforms that were formed quickly. A good guess would be that they were made by a volcano. That isn't the case, however. Each island was built in less than ten years. Big machines brought up tons of sand from the seabed. The islands were created in the shape of palm trees. A ring of rocks protects each island from the waves. Sand is already being carried away from some places, though, and being dropped in others. No one knows how long these artificial islands will stay above water.

Detail

The Palm Islands
were created
in less than ten
years.

Detail

They were made
with sand from the
seabed.

Detail

Each island is
shaped like a
palm tree.



Unstated Main Idea

The Palm Islands were
created by people.

 School-Home Connection

Choose a nonfiction magazine or book to read with your child. Work with your child to identify the main ideas and supporting details.