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1 The _____ is the **overall theme** of a paragraph or section of a text.

A paragraph
B sentence
C main idea
D ending

2 _____ details **support the main idea** of a paragraph or section of a text.

A Funny
B Supporting
C Beginning
D The last

3 I have a pet bird named Gonzo. He likes to eat seeds, nuts, and fruit. His favorite fruits are strawberries and bananas. Gonzo also enjoys eating bread.

What is the **main idea** of this paragraph?

A I have a pet bird named Gonzo.



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A We don't have recess at school.
B I like to play on the playground at school.
C Workers started building the new



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What is the **main idea** of this paragraph?

A An annual plant comes back each year.
B An annual plant develops seeds.
C An annual plant lives for one growing season.
D An annual plant grows from a seed.

B Jon's coach took him out of the game.
C Jon kicked the ball over the goalie's head and scored.
D Jon likes to play soccer.



9 Neil Armstrong was the first person to walk on the moon. He walked on the moon on July 20, 1969. Neil Armstrong walked on the moon for about two hours.

What is the **main idea** of this paragraph?

A Neil Armstrong went to the moon.
B Neil Armstrong was an astronaut.
C Neil Armstrong was afraid of the dark.
D Neil Armstrong walked on the moon.

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A George Washington had wooden teeth.
B George Washington was born in Virginia.
C George Washington became our first President in 1789.
D George Washington proved he was a good soldier.





ANSWER KEY

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What is the **main idea** of this paragraph?

- A I have a pet bird named Gonzo.
- B Gonzo has feathers.
- C My pet bird likes to eat a variety of things.
- D



(C)

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- C Workers started building the new playground at school yesterday.



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