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1 The moon's surface is not like the Earth. It is very cold. The moon's surface is also very dry. The moon is full of craters. There are rocks and dust all over the moon's surface as well.

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

- A The moon's surface is unusual.
- B There is a full moon at night.
- C There is dust on the moon.
- D There are rocks on the moon.



2 If the main idea of a paragraph is that the picnic was rained out, **what would be a detail that would support this main idea?**

- A We can play games at the picnic.
- B I brought peanut butter sandwiches to the picnic.
- C The picnic was canceled because of the rain.
- D The picnic was changed to Friday.



3 Sharks live in the ocean. They do not have bones. Shark's skeletons are made out of cartilage. This cartilage is tough but it is not as hard as bone. **What is the main idea of this paragraph?**

- A Sharks have bones.
- B Sharks live in oceans.

4 The _____ is one to two words that explain the subject being talked about in a paragraph or section of writing.

- A topic
- B sentence
- C paragraph

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

- A rock climbing
- B why magma is hot
- C where magma is found
- D when volcanoes erupt



- A 535,989 people live in Candyville.
- B The factory makes 10,000 pieces of chocolate a day!
- C Candyville was founded in 1902.
- D I love chocolate.

9 Alaska is the 49th state of the United States. Juneau is the capital of Alaska. Anchorage is Alaska's largest city. Bethel, Nome, and Fairbanks are also cities in Alaska.

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- A My trip to Alaska
- B Cities in Alaska
- C Alaska is cold.
- D Alaska is the 49th state.



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- A Sue was named after her Grandma.
- B Sue went to the busy mall with her Mom.
- C Sue likes to watch cartoons
- D There was a sale on shoes.





ANSWER KEY

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- B** sentence
- C** paragraph
- D** author

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