# YOURpath TABE Worksheet
# Reading - Level E
# Skill: Main Idea

Name: _____ Date: _____

## What You Need to Know

The main idea is what the passage is mostly about. It is the big point the author wants you to understand.

## Guided Example

Passage:
Maria planted seeds in her garden. She watered them every day. Soon, small green plants began to grow.

Question: What is the main idea
A. Maria likes to watch TV
B. Maria planted seeds and took care of them
C. The plants were very tall
D. Maria went to the store

**Correct Answer: B**

## Practice

**Directions:** Read each passage. Choose the answer that best states the main idea.

**Passage 1**
Tom wakes up early every morning. He feeds his dog, makes breakfast, and gets ready for work.
What is the main idea?
A. Tom has a morning routine
B. Tom likes to sleep late
C. Tom eats dinner at night
D. Tom walks his dog at night

**Passage 2**
The library is a quiet place. People read books, study, and use computers there.
What is the main idea?
A. The library is noisy
B. People go to the library to relax
C. The library is a quiet place for reading and studying
D. The library sells books

**Passage 3**
Sara saved money each week. She wanted to buy a new coat. After two months, she had enough money.
What is the main idea?
A. Sara bought a car
B. Sara saved money to buy a coat
C. Sara lost her money
D. Sara borrowed money from a friend

**Passage 4**
The teacher sent a message home to remind families about the field trip. Students need a signed form, a packed lunch, and comfortable shoes.
What is the main idea?
A. Students must bring toys to school
B. Families are being reminded about field trip requirements
C. The teacher is canceling the field trip
D. Students will have homework during the trip

**Passage 5**
A local store is offering discounts on winter clothing. Coats, gloves, and scarves are all on sale until Friday.
What is the main idea?
A. The store is having a sale on winter clothing
B. The store is closing for the season
C. Only gloves are on sale
D. The sale lasts all winter

**Passage 6**
The community garden needs volunteers. People can help plant vegetables, pull weeds, and water the plants.
What is the main idea?
A. The garden is closing
B. Volunteers are needed to help care for the garden
C. Only children can volunteer
D. The garden grows only flowers

**Answer Key**
A , C, B, B, A, B

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