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:
The bus arrived later than usual this morning. Several students were already waiting at the stop, and the driver apologized for the delay.

Question: What is the main idea
A. The students walked to school
B. The bus was late arriving this morning
C. The driver did not stop at the bus stop
D. The students missed the bus

Correct Answer: B

Practice

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

Passage 1
Lena enjoys baking on the weekends. She makes cookies, muffins, and sometimes even small cakes to share with her family.

What is the main idea?
A. Lena likes to bake different treats
B. Lena buys cookies from the store
C. Lena cooks dinner every night
D. Lena does not like sweets

Passage 2
The city park has added new benches and planted colorful flowers. Many people visit to walk, relax, and enjoy the fresh air.

What is the main idea?
A. The park is closed for repairs
B. The city park has new improvements for visitors
C. People are not allowed to walk in the park
D. Only children can use the park

Passage 3
Marcus practices basketball every afternoon. He works on dribbling, shooting, and passing to get better for the upcoming season.

What is the main idea?
A. Marcus is learning to play the piano
B. Marcus practices basketball to improve his skills
C. Marcus watches basketball games on TV
D. Marcus is joining a soccer team

Passage 4
A new grocery store opened in the neighborhood. It offers fresh fruits, vegetables, and affordable prices for families.

What is the main idea?
A. The grocery store only sells snacks
B. A new grocery store offers fresh and affordable food
C. The store is closing soon
D. Only employees can shop there

Passage 5
The school cafeteria is trying a new lunch menu. Students can choose from salads, sandwiches, and warm meals each day.

What is the main idea?
A. The cafeteria is offering new lunch options
B. Students must bring lunch from home
C. The cafeteria is closed for the week
D. Only teachers can eat in the cafeteria

Answer Key
A, B, B, B, A

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