

**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

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