

Main idea

Grade 1 Comprehension Worksheet



The **main idea** is what the story is mostly about.

Read or listen to the short stories. As you do, think about what they are mostly about.

1. Every day after school, Liam takes out his big box of blocks and stacks them high. He makes towers, bridges and even little houses. Sometimes his tower falls, but he just laughs and starts again. Building with blocks is Liam's favorite thing to do!

What is the story's main idea?

- a. Liam builds very high towers.
- b. Liam likes school.
- c. Liam loves to build with blocks.

2. On the weekend, Molly grabs her art supplies and sits by the window. She carefully paints pictures of flowers, trees and animals. Sometimes she tries new colors to see how they look together. When she finishes, she smiles and hangs her painting on the fridge for everyone to see.



What is the story's main idea?

- a. Molly likes to sit by the window.
- b. Molly likes painting pictures.
- c. Molly loves animals.

3. Ryan spends every afternoon reading books about dogs. He learns how to take care of them and what they like to eat. At dinner, he tells his family all the reasons why a dog would be the perfect pet. Sometimes, he even pretends to take care of an imaginary dog in the backyard. Ryan hopes one day his wish will come true.

What is the story's main idea?



Answers

1. Liam loves to build with blocks.
2. Molly likes painting pictures.
3. Ryan really wants a dog. *(Answers can vary slightly.)*