

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. Carrie likes to sit quietly at school. When the teacher calls on her, she speaks softly. She doesn't like when everyone looks at her! At recess, she likes to read books. Carrie feels happiest when she's with just one or two close friends.

What is the story's main idea?

- a. Carrie has a favorite book.
 - b. Carrie is shy.
 - c. Carrie has a lot of friends.
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2. Gavin eats an apple every day after school. He likes red, green and even yellow apples. His favorite treat is apple slices with peanut butter. At the grocery store, he always picks the biggest apples he can find. Gavin says apples are the best snack in the world!



What is the story's main idea?

- a. Gavin loves to eat apples.
- b. Gavin goes to the grocery store.
- c. Gavin likes peanut butter.

3. Grandma's kitchen always smells amazing. She makes cookies that melt in your mouth and spaghetti sauce that's better than anything from a restaurant. Every Sunday, the whole family comes over to eat her special meals. Everyone says no one can cook like Grandma!

What is the story's main idea?



Answers

1. Carrie is shy.
2. Gavin loves to eat apples.
3. Grandma is a great cook! *(Answers can vary slightly.)*