

What's the Main Idea?

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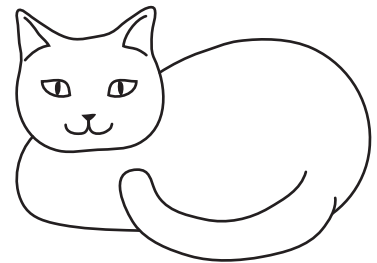
The main idea is the most important idea in a paragraph. Sometimes, the main idea is the first sentence. Sometimes the main idea is in the middle or at the end. Read the paragraphs carefully. Circle the main idea.

Paragraph 1:

Tyler is afraid of dogs. When he is at the park, he tries to avoid all the dogs. Once he pet a dog, but it felt really scary. Luckily, the dog was very nice! Tyler likes cats a lot better than dogs.

What's the main idea?

1. Tyler once pet a dog.
2. Tyler is scared of dogs.

**Paragraph 2:**

The Johnson family is getting ready to go on a summer trip. They go on a beach vacation every year. Last summer they went to a beach in New Jersey and this summer they are going to a beach in California. They've got their swimsuits packed up and ready to go!

What's the main idea?

1. The Johnsons love beach vacations.
2. The Johnsons packed up their swimsuits.