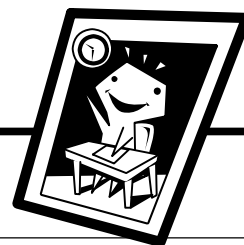


Identifying the main idea

Test 3



Remember:

- The main idea links all the other ideas together and tells what the text is mainly about.
- The title gives a clue about the main idea of the text.
- Always check all possible answers before making a decision.

Name: _____ Date: _____

1. *Paragraph 2 tells mainly ...*

- (a) what Granny Nell looks like.
- (b) what Granny Nell likes to do.
- (c) that Granny Nell is popular with her grandchildren.
- (d) that Granny Nell is a nasty person.

The best answer is .

2. *Which paragraph explains why Granny Nell is a good friend?*

- (a) Paragraph 1 (b) Paragraph 4 (c) Paragraph 3 (d) Paragraph 6

The best answer is .

3. *The main idea of paragraph 4 is ...*

- (a) Granny has an 'L' plate on her walker.
- (b) Granny has a sore leg.
- (c) Granny now gets around using a walker.
- (d) Granny can't go anywhere.

The best answer is .

4. *The title tells you that the text is about Granny Nell, but it doesn't tell you the main idea. Write a new title for the text which gives the main idea.*

Pupil tests

The tests on pages 23 to 25 will show how well you can:

- Understand words
- Find information
- Identify the main idea

(You will be working on your own!)

Read the description.

Granny Nell



1. Granny Nell is my favourite relative.
2. She looks just like any other little old grandmother. Her hair is black with streaks of grey through it. She has lots of wrinkles because she likes to laugh a lot and enjoys life. She wears little spectacles perched on the end of her nose like little canaries on a branch in a cage. She is short and round and seems to shrink each time we see her.
3. Granny Nell is not as active as she used to be. Her hands are gnarled with arthritis, so she can't knit for a long time like she used to. Instead, she crotchets a bit as this doesn't seem to hurt her hands so much.
4. One day when she was out walking, she fell and broke her hip. After her hip healed, she was a little wary about moving around too much. We decided to buy her a walker. She likes to say that she finally has her own hot rod. We were thinking about putting a 'Beware' sign on the walker or even an 'L' plate. There is no stopping her now!
5. Because she can't get around very much, she spends a lot of time watching television. I think the noise makes her feel as though there are lots of people around. It's really amusing to hear her argue with the umpire at the footy match on the television!
6. Granny Nell is never pushy. She doesn't say that her ideas are the right ones and that your opinion doesn't count. She lets you make your own decisions and then she helps if you need it. She listens when I tell her things, no matter how silly they may be.
7. I think that's the main reason why Granny Nell is my favourite relative. She lets me just be me!

Identifying the main idea

Test 3



Remember:

- The main idea links all the other ideas together and tells what the text is about.
- The title is an excellent clue to the main idea of the text.
- Always check all possible answers before making a decision.

Name: _____ Date: _____

1. *What is the main idea of the last paragraph?*

- (a) tells us about the harmful rays of the sun
- (b) tells us how to wash our skin
- (c) it explains how to care for and protect our skin to keep it healthy
- (d) explains what to wear when playing outside

The best answer is .

2. *Explain the main idea of paragraph 1.*

3. *Use the text and your ideas to answer these.*

(a) What is the title of the text?

(b) A good title often tells the main idea.

Do you think this is a good title? YES NO

(c) Explain why you think this.

(d) Suggest another title which would be suitable.

Pupil tests

The tests on pages 23–25 will show how well you can:

- Understand words
- Find information
- Identify the main idea

You will be working on your own.

Read the report.

Skin

Imagine what our body would be like if we didn't have skin to hold everything together. Skin is our body's largest organ. It is incredible; it grows with us, protects us, gives us our sense of touch; and helps to keep us warm or cool.

The skin is made up of three layers:

1. The epidermis

This is the bit we can see. But did you know, the skin you see is dead? Underneath that dead layer of skin cells, new skin cells are being made.

This layer also makes melanin. This gives your skin its colour. The

more melanin your skin cells make, the darker the skin. Melanin also helps to protect your skin from the harmful rays of the sun.

2. The dermis

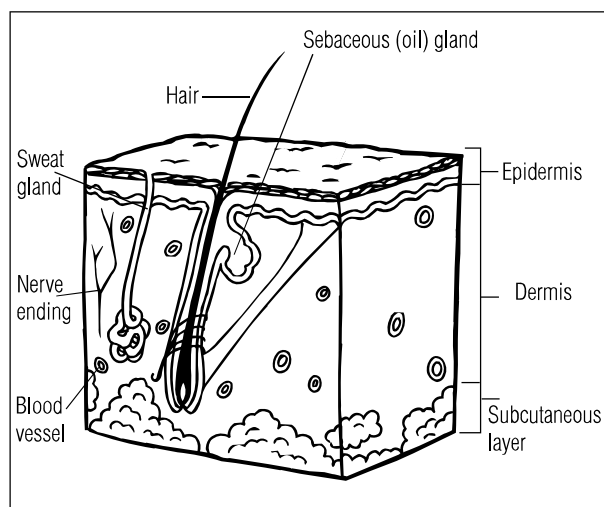
This layer is hidden under the epidermis. It contains:

- nerve endings which give us our sense of touch
- blood vessels which keep our skin cells healthy and full of oxygen
- sebaceous (oil) glands to keep our skin lubricated and protected
- sweat glands.

3. The subcutaneous layer

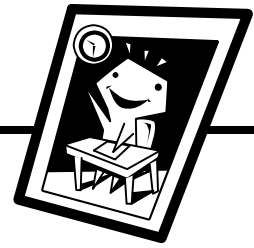
This is the bottom layer. It is made up mostly of fat. It helps to keep us warm and absorbs any knocks and bumps we might have. This layer helps to hold the skin onto the rest of our body.

It is important to look after our skin. It needs to be kept clean, so washing it with warm soapy water is a really good way to keep it healthy. We should also protect our skin from the harmful rays of the sun. Wearing sunscreen, a hat and protective clothing helps to keep our skin healthy.



Identifying the main idea

Test 3



Name: _____ Date: _____

- The main idea links all other ideas together and tells what the text is mainly about.
- The title is an excellent clue to the main idea of the text.
- Always check all answers before making a decision.

1. *What is the main idea of the last paragraph?*

- (a) The diamond hadn't fallen on the ground.
- (b) The diamond fell the right way up.
- (c) Dad thought it was an unbelievable story.
- (d) Dad didn't believe it really happened.

The best answer is .

2. *What is the main idea of the recount?*

- (a) Mum loved her diamond ring.
- (b) Mum and Dad were carting water.
- (c) Sifting lots of sand.
- (d) Finding a diamond that had been lost.

The best answer is .

3. (a) What is the title of the recount? _____

(b) Do you think the title tells what the main idea is? yes/no _____.

(c) Write another suitable title. _____

(d) Does your title tell what the main idea is? yes/no _____.

4. *The main idea in one paragraph is to tell why Mum was upset. Find it and list the reasons why she was so upset.*

Pupil tests

The tests on pages 23 to 25 will show how well you can:

Understand words

Find information

Identify the main idea

You will be working on your own.

Read the recount.

Lost diamond

1. One day, Mum and Dad were carting water from the windmill to the water tanks next to our house. It is about one kilometre across sand tracks and they had to make about ten trips. They carted the water in a smaller tank that Dad put on the back of our really old rusty truck. Mum drove the truck and Dad used a small motor and transferred the water in and out of the tanks. It had been a long, hot summer and we had consumed all the rainwater we had collected during winter.
2. They had just finished their last run and Dad was removing the tank from the truck when Mum let out a terrible scream. We all raced over and saw that she was standing, staring at her hand, unable to move. Her face was white with shock and she couldn't speak.
3. 'Julia what's wrong, what's wrong?' Dad asked as he put his arms around her.
4. Mum just pointed to the ring on her finger. It was the engagement ring Dad had given her many years ago, before they had left Ireland. It was her pride and joy. There was now a black hole where the diamond should have been. Mum just sobbed and sobbed.
5. 'We'll just have to locate it', said Dad. 'Come on kids.' And he marched off to the shed where he made us all frames out of flywire and told us to start sifting the sand. We all worked frantically for a couple of hours, looking very carefully for something glinting in the mesh. But the sun was going down and Dad said we would have to stop and resume in the morning.
6. Mum said she'd put the truck in the shed and she walked away so sadly. Four or five minutes later she came racing back with a smile from ear to ear. She'd found it! We couldn't believe it but she took us back to the shed to show us.
7. We gathered around her as she explained what had happened. She had been driving the old truck with its rusted-out floor when she noticed a reflection on a bit of metal jutting out across a huge hole. She was curious and leant over to see what it was. To her amazement, there was her diamond, as she said, 'winking at her'. The sun was very low and must have just been at just the right angle to hit the diamond.
8. Dad said it was a miracle that it hadn't been dislodged by the bumps along the rough sand track and that it had fallen the right way up on the piece of rusty metal. He added that if he hadn't seen it with his own eyes, he never would have believed it.

