



Main Idea & Supporting Details

Name: _____

Date: _____

Grade: Kindergarten

Part A: Multiple Choice

Penguins live in cold places. They have feathers to stay warm. They swim well. They eat fish.

1. What is the main idea of the passage?

- A) Penguins eat fish.
- B) Penguins swim well.
- C) Penguins live in cold places.
- D) Penguins have feathers.

2. Which detail tells HOW penguins stay warm?

- A) They swim well.
- B) They eat fish.
- C) They live in cold places.
- D) They have feathers.

3. Which sentence would NOT belong in this passage?

- A) Penguins waddle when they walk.
- B) Penguins eat fish.
- C) Lions live in Africa.
- D) Penguins have black and white feathers.

4. What is the passage mostly about?

- A) Fish
- B) Cold weather
- C) Penguins
- D) Feathers

Part B: Fill in the Blank

Write the missing word on the line.

1. The main idea is what the whole passage is _____ about.
2. In the penguin passage, the supporting details all describe _____.
3. A detail that does not support the main idea _____ in the passage.
4. Good readers look for the main idea to understand the _____ of the text.
5. When all the details describe the same topic, that topic is the _____ idea.

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Part B: Fill in the Blank

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