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Worksheet #1: Main Idea

Direction: Read the passage and choose the correct answer.

Patty loves to play games. Her favorite game is Chess because it requires a great deal of thought. Patty also likes to play less demanding board games that are based mostly on luck. She prefers Monopoly because it requires luck and skill. If she's alone, Patty likes to play action video games as long as they aren't too violent.

1. What is this paragraph mainly about? _____.
 - a. Patty loves to plays games.
 - b. Patty likes games that require luck.
 - c. Patty loves to play monopoly the most.
 - d. Patty likes action video games as long as they aren't too violent.

Do you want to do something interesting? Go to the museum this weekend. If you go to the museum, you will learn something from the treasures of the past. Walk up and down and look at the pictures and the statues. You will begin to understand how people throughout history have thought and felt. Forget what modern life is like and stand among the exhibits, you will be in the middle of history and feel what it was like to live in another time.

2. The passage is mainly about _____.
 - a. History is not like the modern world.
 - b. Museum help us to understand people in the past.
 - c. It is interesting to go to the museum on the weekend.
 - d. Look at the treasures from the past, the painting and statues.

Today's postal service is more efficient than ever. Mail that once took months to move by horse and foot now moves around the country in days or hours by truck, train, and plane. If your letter or package is urgent, the U.S. Postal Service offers Priority Mail and Express Mail services. Priority Mail is guaranteed to go anywhere in United States in two days or less. Express Mail will get your package there overnight.

3. What is the main idea of this passage? _____.
 - a. Today's postal service is more efficient than ever.
 - b. Express Mail will get your package there overnight.
 - c. Mail now moves around the country in days or hours.
 - d. Priority Mail is guaranteed to go anywhere in two days or less.

Ice cream is one of the best – loved treats throughout the world, especially in the United States. Americans eat more ice cream than any other people. In spite of its popularity, no one knows exactly when ice cream was first made. However, records reveal that Nero Claudius Caesar, Emperor of Rome (in the first century A.D.), enjoyed eating a mixture of snow and fruit juices. In 1295 A.D., the Italian trader, Marco Polo, returned from China and is thought to have brought an Asian recipe for ice cream with him. English colonists probably took ice cream recipes to America as early as the 1700s.

4. What is the best main idea of this paragraph?
- a. American ice cream is for all people.
 - b. The Asian region originated ice cream.
 - c. The first ice cream recipe originated by accident.
 - d. Ice cream is the best – loved treats all over the world.

Medicinal drugs may cause you to be a poor driver. You might even cause an accident. Some drugs may make a sick person think he or she can drive. But many drugs cause you to think more slowly and some even harm your vision, so remember that drugs can affect your driving. Be careful! Drive only when you are sure that drugs aren't affecting you. Take medicines only as directed. Good drivers may become poor ones when they use drugs or other forms of medication.

5. Which of the following statements expresses the main idea?
- a. Take medicines only as directed.
 - b. A poor driver might cause an accident.
 - c. Many drugs cause you to think more slowly.
 - d. Medicinal drugs taken before driving may be dangerous.

6. What is the meaning of “main idea”?
