



# Main Idea

**DIRECTIONS:** Read each paragraph. Identify the main idea.

On Saturday, Mary went for a hike in the woods near her house. She packed a lunch and put it in her backpack. She wore a hat. She followed the trail through the woods all the way to where it ended at the river. There, she sat down and ate her sandwich.

1. The main idea is:
  - A. Mary wore a hat.
  - B. Mary went for a hike.
  - C. Mary ate a sandwich
  - D. Mary walked to the river.

When Bob got to school, he realized he had left his lunch at home. He looked in his pockets, but he did not have any money to buy lunch. When he told his friend Pete, Pete offered Bob half of his sandwich.

2. The main idea is:
  - A. Bob went to school.
  - B. Bob forgot his lunch.
  - C. Bob doesn't have any money.
  - D. Pete is kind.

Mittens was the tiniest kitten in the litter. While the other kittens seemed to grow a lot every day, Mitten stayed tiny. She could easily get under furniture where the other cats didn't fit, and she often went missing. She was so little that sometimes her human would scoop her up and put her in a coffee mug!

3. The main idea is:
  - A. Mittens is tiny.
  - B. Mittens is a kitten.
  - C. Mittens likes to hide.
  - D. Mittens fits into a coffee mug.