Main Idea in Paragraphs

Grade 2 Reading Worksheet

Name _____ Date _____

Read the text. Circle the best answer.

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4. Use Text 4. Which detail from the paragraph supports the main idea?
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