Main Idea in Paragraphs

Grade 2 Reading Worksheet

Name _____ Date _____

Read the text. Circle the best answer.

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3. Use Text 3. What is the main idea of the paragraph?
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   The farmers market is a place to buy fresh food.
   The market is open every day of the week.

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