Main Idea in Paragraphs

Grade 2 Reading Worksheet - Challenge Me

Name _____ Date _____

Read the text. Circle the best answer.

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   People build tall buildings in many places.
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