Main Topic in Paragraphs

Grade 2 Reading Worksheet - Building Confidence

Name _____ Date _____

Read the text. Circle the best answer.

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Riding the Wind

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A hot air balloon rises because of hot air. The burner shoots a flame up into the envelope. The flame heats the air inside. Hot air is lighter than the cooler air around it. So the balloon floats up, like a bubble rising in water.

A pilot cannot steer a balloon the way you steer a bike. Instead, the pilot moves it up or down. Winds at different heights blow in different directions. The pilot finds a wind going the right way and rides it. To land, the pilot lets the air inside cool down.

1. What is the main topic of the whole text?

   hot air balloons how airplanes fly the parts of a balloon

2. What is paragraph 2 mostly about?

   how a pilot lands a balloon

   what the basket is used for

   why a hot air balloon rises

3. What is paragraph 3 mostly about?

   the names of a balloon's parts

   how the burner heats the air

   how a pilot guides the balloon

4. Which detail belongs in paragraph 3?

   The pilot may go higher to find a wind blowing east.

   The flame from the burner is loud and very hot.

   The envelope is often made of strong cloth.

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