Main Topic in Paragraphs

Grade 2 Reading Worksheet

Name _____ Date _____

Read the text. Circle the best answer.

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Stamped and Sent

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After that, the mail starts its trip. Trucks carry it from one city to the next. Letters going far away often ride on airplanes. A letter can cross the whole country in just a few days.

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   how to write a thank-you letter
   what a mail carrier does each day

2. What is paragraph 2 mostly about?
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   how mail crosses the country
   how carriers bring mail to homes

3. What is paragraph 4 mostly about?
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   how mail reaches each home
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4. Which detail belongs in paragraph 3?
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   Big trucks may drive all night to bring mail to the next city.
   Some carriers put mail through a slot in the door.

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