Main Topic in Paragraphs

Grade 2 Reading Worksheet - Building Confidence

Name _____ Date _____

Read the text. Circle the best answer.

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Green and Prickly

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   animals that live in the desert
   where cactus plants grow

2. What is paragraph 2 mostly about?
   how spines keep animals away
   how a cactus saves water
   how dry deserts can be

3. What is paragraph 3 mostly about?
   how often deserts get rain
   how a cactus stores water in its stem
   how spines help a cactus

4. Which detail belongs in paragraph 3?
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