Main Topic in Paragraphs

Grade 2 Reading Worksheet

Name _____ Date _____

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Furry Swimmers

Sea otters are furry animals that live in the ocean. They are found along rocky coasts in the northern Pacific Ocean. Many stay close to forests of kelp, a very tall seaweed. The kelp keeps the water calm near the shore.

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Sea otters even sleep in the water. They float on their backs at the top of the waves. Some wrap strands of kelp around their bodies. The kelp works like an anchor, so they do not drift away. Sometimes a group of otters holds paws while they rest.

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   - how otters hold paws in a group
   - how a mother otter cares for her pup

2. Which detail belongs in paragraph 3?
   - A pup stays with its mother for about six months.
   - A group of resting otters is called a raft.
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3. Which sentence tells the main topic?
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   - Sea otters are furry animals that live in the ocean.

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