Main Topic in Paragraphs

Grade 2 Reading Worksheet - Building Confidence

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   - how a cactus stores water in its stem
   - how spines help a cactus
   - how often deserts get rain

2. Which detail belongs in paragraph 3?
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3. Which sentence tells the main topic?
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