Main Topic in Paragraphs

Grade 2 Reading Worksheet

Name _____ Date _____

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3. Which topic is too small to be the main topic?
   the lives of sea otters
   the hairs in an otter's fur
   animals that have fur

4. Which paragraph would you read to learn why otters wrap kelp around their bodies?
   paragraph 4 paragraph 3 paragraph 2

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