Main Topic in Paragraphs

Grade 2 Reading Worksheet - Building Confidence

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4. Which paragraph names the parts of a hot air balloon?

   paragraph 1 paragraph 2 paragraph 3

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