Main Topic in Paragraphs

Grade 2 Reading Worksheet - Challenge Me

Name _____ Date _____

Read the text. Circle the best answer.

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Mice and voles spend the winter under the snow. They run along tunnels in a thin space between the snow and the ground. Down there, they stay out of the icy wind. They nibble seeds, grass, and roots along the way. The snow on top also keeps them hidden while they move about.

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3. Which topic is too small to be the main topic?
   - animals of cold places
   - weather around the world
   - the snow cave of one grouse

4. How are the mice, the bear, and the grouse alike in this text?
   - Each one sleeps until spring comes.
   - Each one uses snow to stay safe from the cold.
   - Each one digs a tunnel to find seeds.

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