Main Topic in Paragraphs

Grade 2 Reading Worksheet - Building Confidence

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3. Which topic is too small to be the main topic?

   plants around the world cactus plants the waxy skin on a stem

4. Which paragraph tells about the places where cactus plants grow?

   paragraph 3 paragraph 2 paragraph 1

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