Informational Main Idea

Grade 3 Reading Worksheet - Building Confidence

Name _____ Date _____

Circle the answer.

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When a big snowstorm heads toward a city, many workers get ready. Their job is to clear the roads so people can travel safely.

Before the snow starts, trucks spread salt on the roads. Salt helps stop ice from sticking to the ground. Some cities mix the salt with water first. This wet salt stays on the road better.

Once the snow falls, snowplows go to work. A plow has a wide metal blade on the front. The blade pushes snow off to the side of the road. Plow drivers often work all night long.

Workers clear the busiest roads first. Roads to hospitals and fire stations come at the top of the list. Quiet side streets are cleared later, often the next morning.

All of this planning helps the city keep moving. Buses can run, and doctors can get to work. Thanks to these workers, people stay safe after a storm.

1. What is the main idea of this text?

   Snowplows have a wide metal blade on the front of the truck.

   Workers plan and clear roads so people can travel after snow.

   Quiet side streets are the very last roads to be cleared.

2. What is paragraph 2 mostly about?

   pushing snow to the side of the road

   clearing the busiest roads first

   putting salt on roads before snow

3. Which detail supports the idea that the busiest roads are cleared first?

   Wet salt stays on the road much better.

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4. Which sentence is true but too narrow to be the main idea of the whole text?

   Cities never clear their side streets.

   Some cities mix salt with water.

   Many workers keep roads safe in snowstorms.

5. Which is the best summary of this text?

Workers salt roads, plow snow, and clear busy roads first to keep people safe.

People should stay home in a snowstorm until every road in the city is clear.

Snowplows push snow to the side, and the drivers often work all through the night.

6. Which is the best title for this text?

Fun Games to Play in Snow Keeping City Roads Clear The Metal Plow Blade

7. What is paragraph 3 mostly about?

how snowplows push snow off the roads

why salt keeps ice off the road

why buses can run after a storm

8. Which sentence is NOT a detail from this text?

Trucks spread salt before the snow starts.

Quiet side streets are cleared later.

Plows melt the snow with hot air.

9. Which detail from the last paragraph shows why the work matters?

Salt stops ice from sticking.

The blade pushes snow aside.

Doctors can get to work.

10. How do paragraphs 2, 3, and 4 support the main idea?

Each tells a story about a different driver.

Each tells one part of the work to clear roads.

Each tells a reason why snow falls in winter.

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