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?

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

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

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

2. What is paragraph 2 mostly about?

   clearing the busiest roads first

   putting salt on roads before snow

   pushing snow to the side of the road

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

   Plow drivers often work all night long.

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

   Some cities mix salt with water.

   Cities never clear their side streets.

   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.

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

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

6. Which is the best title for this text?

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

7. What is paragraph 3 mostly about?

why buses can run after a storm

how snowplows push snow off the roads

why salt keeps ice off the road

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

Plows melt the snow with hot air.

Quiet side streets are cleared later.

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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.

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