Main Idea and Key Details

Grade 3 Reading Worksheet

Name _____ Date _____

Read each passage. Circle the sentence that tells the main idea.

READ THIS FIRST

Our Class Garden

Our class garden grew a lot this spring. We planted beans, carrots and sunflowers. Each week we watered the plants and pulled the weeds. In June we picked the first beans.

1. Gardens are green.
   In June we picked the first beans.
   Our class garden grew well this spring.
   We planted only tomatoes.

The Library

Libraries are places to find books for free. You can borrow a book with a library card. Many libraries have story time for young children. Some also have computers you can use.

2. A library lets people borrow books and use other things for free.
   You can borrow a book with a library card.
   You must pay for each book you borrow.
   Reading is important.

The Rainforest

Rainforests are warm and wet all year. More than half of the world's kinds of plants and animals live there. Tall trees make a green roof high above the ground. Many animals live in the trees.

3. Tall trees make a green roof above the ground.
   Rainforests are warm, wet places full of life.
   Rainforests are cold and dry.
   Forests are important.

Maya at the Piano

Maya practices the piano every day. She plays for twenty minutes after school. She plays her hardest song on Saturdays. Her teacher says her playing is getting better.

4. Her teacher says her playing is getting better.
   She practices only once a month.
   Maya practices the piano every day and is getting better.
   Music is fun.

Scan to get this marked free. No screen time for your child.
Print it · do it in pencil · scan it · PencilGo picks the next sheet.

Main Idea and Key Details

Answer Key - Grade 3 Reading Worksheet

Read each passage. Circle the sentence that tells the main idea.

READ THIS FIRST

Our Class Garden

Our class garden grew a lot this spring. We planted beans, carrots and sunflowers. Each week we watered the plants and pulled the weeds. In June we picked the first beans.

1. Gardens are green.
   In June we picked the first beans.
   Our class garden grew well this spring.
   We planted only tomatoes.

The Library

Libraries are places to find books for free. You can borrow a book with a library card. Many libraries have story time for young children. Some also have computers you can use.

2. A library lets people borrow books and use other things for free.
   You can borrow a book with a library card.
   You must pay for each book you borrow.
   Reading is important.

The Rainforest

Rainforests are warm and wet all year. More than half of the world's kinds of plants and animals live there. Tall trees make a green roof high above the ground. Many animals live in the trees.

3. Tall trees make a green roof above the ground.
   Rainforests are warm, wet places full of life.
   Rainforests are cold and dry.
   Forests are important.

Maya at the Piano

Maya practices the piano every day. She plays for twenty minutes after school. She plays her hardest song on Saturdays. Her teacher says her playing is getting better.

4. Her teacher says her playing is getting better.
   She practices only once a month.
   Maya practices the piano every day and is getting better.
   Music is fun.