Main Idea and Supporting Details

Grade 4 Reading Worksheet - Challenge Me

Name _____ Date _____

Read the text. Circle the answer to each question.

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2. What is the main idea of paragraph 1?
   Bees fly home. Bees dry nectar. Bees seal cells. Bees get nectar.

3. Which detail supports the main idea of paragraph 1?
   A bee sips nectar. Wings dry nectar. Wax lids seal cells. Workers chew it.

4. What is the main idea of paragraph 2?
   Bees get nectar. Workers make honey. Bees seal cells. Bees fly far.

5. Which detail supports the main idea of paragraph 2?
   Wings dry nectar. A bee sips nectar. Wax lids seal cells. Hives get cold.

6. What is the main idea of paragraph 3?
   Honey feeds bees. Bees get nectar. Bees wake early. Bees dry nectar.

7. Which detail supports the main idea of paragraph 3?
   One hive feeds many. Wings dry nectar. Workers chew it. A bee sips nectar.

8. Which detail does not belong in this text?
   Wings dry nectar. A bee sips nectar. Ants dig tunnels. One hive feeds many.

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