Main Idea and Supporting Details

Grade 4 Reading Worksheet - Building Confidence

Name _____ Date _____

Read the text. Circle the answer to each question.

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2. What is the main idea of paragraph 1?
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3. Which detail supports the main idea of paragraph 1?
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4. What is the main idea of paragraph 2?
   Workers make honey. Bees seal cells. Bees get nectar.

5. Which detail supports the main idea of paragraph 2?
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6. What is the main idea of paragraph 3?
   Bees get nectar. Honey feeds bees. Bees dry nectar.

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

8. Which detail does not belong in this text?
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