# Main Idea and Supporting Details

Grade 4 Reading Worksheet - Building Confidence

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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?
   Reefs face danger. Polyps build reefs. Reefs are crowded.

5. Which detail supports the main idea of paragraph 2?
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6. What is the main idea of paragraph 3?
   Reefs are crowded. Reefs face danger. Polyps build reefs.

7. Which detail supports the main idea of paragraph 3?
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8. Which detail does not belong in this text?
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