Unit 2: Exercise 3

In a paragraph, the writer's main point is usually supported several times, by different sentences.

Read the paragraph below. The parts which relate to the main point are in bold. Choose the best answer.

Not until relatively recently – the 1600s – did people begin mixing milk or cream with ice to create what people today might recognise as ice cream. Ice cream desserts began to appear in expensive cafés in Paris, and then in New York in the 1700s. In England, recipes for making your own ice cream began to be published in the early 1700s. Indeed, the word ice cream appeared for the first time in a dictionary in 1744. This all meant that ordinary people might have heard about ice cream and understood what a frozen dessert was, even if they couldn't afford to buy one themselves.

Which idea best summarises the writer's main point in this paragraph?

A. Ordinary people couldn't afford ice cream until relatively recently.

B. People have not been mixing ice with cream for long.

C. Only rich people consumed ice cream in the 1600s and 1700s.

D. The idea of ice cream began to spread amongst ordinary people in the 1600s and 1700s.

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