RI 4.2 Determine the main idea of a text and explain how it is supported by key details; summarize the text.

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Mount Everest Getting Smaller?

The world's tallest mountain is Mount Everest. It is also the hardest mountain to climb. Few people have climbed it. It has been measured many times. A new report says that the mountain is smaller than it was 5 years ago. Mountains are supposed to get taller over time. However, scientists are worried about Everest doing the opposite. Heat and the weather are changing the mountain's size. Streams of water from melting ice go down the mountain. The water wears down the mountain as it moves. Scientists do not know how much the mountain's size has changed in the last 5 years.

In March, scientists will climb the mountain. They will find out exactly how big it is. They will use radars and satellites to measure it. They will keep measuring the height over many years.

Scientists are worried about Mount Everest getting smaller. Which statement supports this idea?

A. Ice melts into water and runs down the mountain in streams.

B. Few people have climbed Everest because it is very high.

C. Water picks up dirt and breaks down the mountain as it moves.

D. They are going to measure the height of Everest many times.

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